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GERMANY INTERVENES IN CZECH CRISIS: 3 DEMANDS

LONDON & PARIS IN CLOSE TOUCH

TENSION HAS INCREASED CONSIDERABLY IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA AS A RESULT OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN SLOVAKIA.

It is reported that Herr Hitler had decided to send either demands or recommendations to Prague last night.

Field Marshal Goering, who has been holidaying in Italy, has returned unexpectedly to Berlin.

"Reuter" semi-officially learns that Germany is asking the Central Government in Prague to comply with the following:

- 1.—The right for Slovakia to self-determination;
- 2.—The resignation of the Czech Defence Minister, General Sirovy;
- 3.—Guaranteed protection of German minorities in Bohemia and Moravia.

The British Government is said to be in close touch with Paris on the subject of the developments in Czechoslovakia.



A PATRIOT'S DILEMMA: General Sirovy, the Czechoslovakian Premier, who was called to office as the September crisis reached its head and whose resignation Germany is now demanding.

JAPANESE WARNING

Soviet Must Accept Any "Consequences"

TOKYO, Mar. 13.
THE SOVIET UNION must assume responsibility of the consequences should she disregard Japan's reasonable requests, said Mr. Arita, when discussing the fishery negotiations with Russia in the House of Peers to-day.

Mr. Arita added that the Government was prepared to take the most effective and adequate measures for the safeguarding of Japanese rights and interests, with a firm determination should the worst eventualities materialise.—Reuter.

U.S. PROTEST TO JAPAN

Washington, Mar. 13.
Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, has announced that the United States protested to Japan against the currency measures introduced into North China and specifically objecting to the enforced circulation of Japanese currency to the exclusion of Chinese currency.—Reuter.

NEW B.B.C. GOVERNOR

London, Mar. 13.
It is announced that Sir George Allan-Fowell, a member of the Import Duties Advisory Committee since 1932, is to be chairman and Governor of the British Broadcasting Corporation.—Reuter.

BERLIN, Mar. 13.

M. TISO, former Premier of Slovakia, and M. Durcansky, arrived in Berlin by special plane from Vienna to-day, when they drove to the Foreign Office and saw Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, who took them straight to the Chancellery, where Herr Hitler was waiting for them.

Decisions made at the interviews, if any, are being kept secret.

An official communiqué issued after the meeting—merely says—that "pending issues" were discussed, but it is reported that Herr Hitler is sending demands or recommendations to Prague to-night.

PARLIAMENT SUMMONED

A Prague message says that it is semi-officially learned that ex-Premier Tiso requested President Hacha to summon the Slovak Parliament in Bratislava at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

The request is stated to have been made as a result of M. Tiso's talk with Herr Hitler.

President Hacha has complied with the request.

GERMAN DEMANDS

It is semi-officially learned that Germany is asking the Central Government at Prague, firstly to give Slovakia the right of self-determination; secondly, to replace the present Czech Defence Minister, General Sirovy and the Minister of the Interior; thirdly, to guarantee protection of the German minorities in Bohemia and Moravia.—Reuter.

COMMONS STATEMENT

London, Mar. 13.
Making a statement in the House of Commons to-day on the situation in Czechoslovakia, Mr. Neville Chamberlain declared that according to his reports, only minor incidents had occurred in Bratislava in the last few days, and the situation there appeared to be outwardly calm.—Reuter.

GOERING RETURNS

Rome, Mar. 13.
Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, who has been on holiday in Italy, left for Berlin to-day for Berlin by the afternoon train.

It is believed here that Field-Marshal Goering's return to Germany may be due to events in Czechoslovakia, and the renewed tension between Berlin and Prague.—Reuter.

LONDON RESERVE

Official circles in London maintain reserve in regard to the events in Czechoslovakia.

Concerning the question of British guarantee of Czechoslovak territory, it is pointed out in informed quarters that no formal guarantee has ever been given.

It is also emphasised that any such guarantee could relate only to foreign aggression against Czechoslovakia. (Continued on Page 4.)



THICK black line shows the present boundaries of Czechoslovakia, again threatened with dismemberment.

House Of Commons

"WE ARE MAKING REPRESENTATIONS"

The House of Commons was informed yesterday that recent British representations to Japan covered a wide field of subjects.

Replying to questions in the House, Mr. R. A. Butler stated that notes of protest dealing with some 22 cases of damage suffered by British subjects or their property had been addressed to the Japanese Government since the start of the China War.

Apologies had been forthcoming in respect to nine cases, compensation had been paid in four cases, and promises made in respect to three others.

These are some of the subjects dealt with to-day.

"OPEN DOOR"

Questioned regarding the reply to a recent note to the Japanese Government on the subject of the "open door" in China, Mr. Butler answered that the note recorded the Government's attitude to the Far Eastern situation in the light of official Japanese statements of policy.

No reply had been received, and the question of sending one must be a matter for the Japanese Government to decide.

BRITISH HOSPITAL BOMBING

Regarding the bombing of the Jenkin Robertson Hospital in Sian, Mr. Butler stated that the hospital suffered three direct hits and much damage was caused to adjoining buildings.

These premises were clearly marked with two Union Jacks. One Chinese nurse had been killed, but foreign members of the hospital staff were reported to be unharm.

A strong protest was being made to the Japanese Government, with the right to claim compensation reserved.

CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS

Questioned as to the Japanese demand for 32 places in the Canton customs, Mr. Butler answered that the Foreign Secretary was aware of the suggestion, but had no indication of the exact extent of acceptance.

His Majesty's Government had made it clear throughout that in their view the changes made in the Chinese Maritime Customs personnel was among the temporary measures which must be the subject of reconsideration at the termination of the present hostilities.

TIENTSIN BLOCKADE

In a statement on the situation in Tientsin, Mr. Butler said that the British Ambassador to Tokyo had expressed concern to the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs on March 4, in which he pointed out the scrupulously correct attitude of the British authorities at Tientsin, drew attention to the various actions directed against the British concession there, and requested an early instruction to ensure moderation in attitude on the part of the local Japanese authorities.

Mr. Noel Baker (Lab): Would it be correct to say that the British Concession has gradually become a Japanese concentration camp?

Mr. Butler: No, it would not, but the seriousness of the situation is in no way minimised by my answer.

SEIZURE OF MILLS

Mr. Butler said that the Chuntan Mill at Sochow was occupied on behalf of a Japanese textile company, and access was denied to the rightful British owners.

Quins To Meet Their Majesties

OTTAWA, Mar. 13.
MR. OLIVA DIONE, father of the famed quintuplets, has accepted an invitation from the Ontario Government for the Quins to go to Toronto to meet the King and Queen.

The Quins will be presented to Their Majesties on May 22 in the Lieutenant-Governor's chambers in the Legislative Building.—Reuter.

WAR IN SPAIN

MADRID NORMAL

No Belligerent Rights For Nationalists

MADRID, Mar. 13.
COMPLETE NORMAL conditions returned to Madrid to-day.

Besides trams, which resumed yesterday, tube trains from east to west are again working.

Shops have reopened and women are outside bakers' shops for their daily loaf of bread after being three or four days without bread.

The theatres and cinemas have also reopened.—Reuter.

ITALIAN LOSSES

Rome, Mar. 13.
The casualty lists of Italian volunteers in Spain up to the middle of February is officially given as 14,353 officers and men.

Of this total, 272 officers and 2,703 men were killed, 889 officers and 9,819 men were wounded, six officers and 208 men are missing, and five officers and 261 men were taken prisoner.—Trans-Ocean.

BELLIGERENT RIGHTS

London, Mar. 13.
Mr. Neville Chamberlain emphasised that the Government's policy regarding belligerent rights remained unchanged, when he was asked in the House of Commons to-day for a statement regarding the declaration of the blockade by the Spanish Nationalist Government.

Mr. Butler, replying to further questions on Spain, declared that the situation in Central Spain was very confused. The British Government had not been in contact either with the Republicans or Nationalists about conditions for an armistice.

The Government regarded repatriation of Spanish refugees from France as a matter between the French and Spanish Governments. His Majesty's Government had decided to render assistance towards the maintenance of refugees, and a grant would be made in the immediate future to the British Red Cross.

Replying to additional questions on the Franco blockade, Mr. Butler said that Viscount Halifax had made it perfectly clear that the British navy would take action on the high seas if there was any interference with British ships.—Reuter.

Duke Of Norfolk Sees The Pope

Vatican City, Mar. 13.
His Holiness the Pope to-day received in audience foreign missions sent on the occasion of his coronation, including the Duke of Norfolk, who represented King George, and Mr. Joseph Kennedy, American Ambassador to London, who represented President Roosevelt.

The latter was accompanied by his entire family, with the exception of one son who is in Spain.—Reuter.

They Cannot Agree



This design-looking Arab, with burnous and horn-rimmed spectacles, is Prince Faisal, second son of King Saud of Saudi Arabia.
Mrs. Edward Jacobs, who went from New York, is the only woman delegate at the Conference.
Grey-bearded Rabbi Moshe Blau went from Jerusalem to attend the Conference as representative of the Orthodox Jews.

PARLEYS SET A RECORD

LONDON, Mar. 14.
EVERY CONFERENCE has it hitches. But the Palestine Conference at St. James's Palace has set up a record for hitches.

The Arab delegation will not meet the Jew delegation. The Jew delegation will not meet the Arab delegation.

The Palestinian and "neighbour State" Arab delegations will not meet the Arab Defence Party (the anti-Grand Mufti Arabs), and refuse to regard them as genuine representatives.

Several questions were asked in the House of Commons to-day regarding the Conference.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, promised that the White Paper would be issued at an early date.

It will contain the correspondence regarding the Balfour Declaration to the Arabs in 1918.—Reuter messages.

Portuguese Found Shot

The condition of W. R. Beltrao, aged 40, a Portuguese who was found shot through the head in Salkung Road, near Kai Tak on Monday morning, was this morning stated to be much improved.

After the incident on Salkung Road, Beltrao went to Kowloon hospital of his own accord. He is detained, but in no danger.

The police have not yet found any weapon, and it is understood that the mystery surrounding the shooting has been cleared up.

Beltrao, who lives in Nathan Road, has been out of work for some time. Detective-Inspector A. E. Corey of the Yummei Detective Office was in charge of the case.

Six Die In Bratislava

Bratislava, Mar. 13.
Six were killed in three bomb explosions in Bratislava to-night.

One bomb damaged a house and killed two as well as injuring three other people near the Danube bridge head.

A second bomb exploded in the German-owned shoe polish factory, where four were killed.

A third bomb exploded near the old Rathaus.

A demonstration, ended at 10 a.m., with the appearance of M. Mach of the balcony of the Hotel Carlton, who announced receipt of a telegram from M. Tiso which read: "The Slovak problems are already solved."

The demonstrators replied with hells for Tuka and Hitler, and "Down with the Czechs."

The police at first opposed the demonstration with rifles and tear gas, but they suddenly ceased firing on the crowd, presumably acting on fresh orders.—United Press.

Test Records Topple

RECORDS are toppling fast in the Fifth Cricket Test at Darbar. Set to make 886 runs in order to win—a feat generally regarded as impossible—the M.C.C. had a score of 496 for three wickets at close of play yesterday and "now" 886—1st day run to complete a performance never before equaled in the history of cricket.

Full details are given on Page 2.

LATE NEWS

SLOVAKS GRANTED AUTONOMY

BERLIN, Mar. 13.
DIPLOMATIC SOURCES confirm the report that the Czech Government had accepted demands for Slovak autonomy, and the dismissal of General Sirovy after M. Tiso and M. Durcansky had flown to Berlin.

It will contain the correspondence regarding the Balfour Declaration to the Arabs in 1918.—Reuter messages.

It is determined to make it clear beyond doubt that Berlin in future will be the sole arbiter in Prague's policies.

According to Czech circles, the Czech Government has accepted the German Government's demand for an independent Slovakia, possibly for an independent Ruthenia.

It is stated that the former concession will be announced in to-morrow's meeting of the Slovak Government.

It is stated that the Czech Government has also agreed to the reconstruction of the Cabinet, with the dismissal of General Sirovy.—United Press.

"VIOLATED SPIRIT OF MUNICH"

Berlin, Mar. 13.
Herr Hitler is stepping directly into the Slovak situation, which indicates his determination to end the crisis as soon as possible.

The Press emphasises the "Czech terror" which seems to indicate that demands, in addition to what the Slovaks desire, will include Herr Hitler's insistence that Prague in future guarantees German nationals to be "freed from persecution."

The German News Agency at Vienna reports that the Czech military

LATEST

Japanese Reply To A Protest

London, Mar. 13.
The Japanese authorities in Tientsin have replied to the British protest against the erection of a live wire barrier around the foreign concession.

They repeated their previous contention that the fence was erected because the Japanese believe the concession authorities are "insincere" in their attempt to eradicate anti-Japanese terrorism among the Chinese.

It is reliably stated that the answer is regarded as unsatisfactory.—United Press.

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tary are terrorising the German inhabitants at Igau. Fourteen German were badly wounded and eight slightly hurt in clashes, which are continuing.

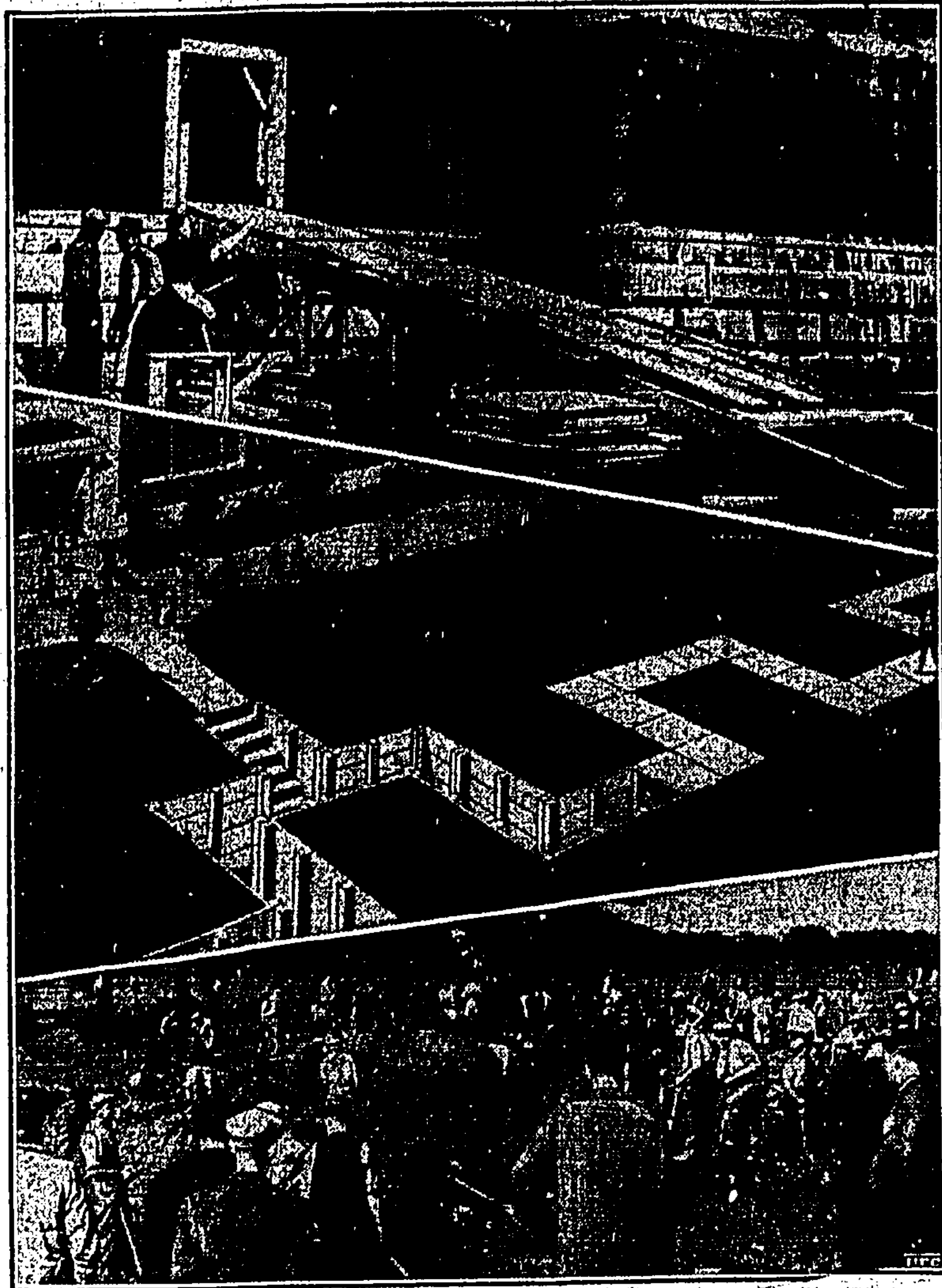
Earlier, a source close to the Government admitted that Germany would intervene in the crisis "in some form or other," although it was not indicated whether this would be diplomatic or military action.

Another source said: "The Czechs have violated the spirit of Munich. Furthermore, German interests in Slovakia have been menaced, and German citizens and members of German national groups mistreated. This cannot continue."

Well-informed quarters believe that a demarche to Prague in the nature of an ultimatum can be expected to-day or to-morrow.—United Press.

Scandal of the "Won't-Billet-Children" Towns

CALLOUS SNOBS REFUSE SHELTER



What with Britain's Prime Minister Chamberlain broadcasting a warning of dangers to the Allies and asking for a huge volunteer defence army, and Sir John Anderson, Defence Minister, advising housewives to store quantities of staple supplies, London whispers that the next war will start soon. Conforming to air raid precaution plans, workmen, in top panel, are reinforcing basement of a Whitehall building to withstand air bombing. Centre, plan of approved trench in an apartment house lawn, covered to simulate a walk. Bottom, feverish trench digging in Hyde Park temporarily halted by Munich Pact.

Dead, But They Won't Lie Down!

DIRECT HIT

A witness for the defence said at Croydon Police Court recently that he was sure Winston Botts, of Westerham (Kent), did not throw a snowball at a police sergeant. "Why are you so sure?" the witness, Cecil William Shepherd, of South Croydon, was asked. "Because I throw it," he replied. The case was dismissed and the police were told that they could take out a summons against Shepherd if they wished.

With a "Here, I say!" and a "What the dickens next?" the somnolent citizens of Cheltenham and Cirencester have suddenly woken up to the horrid realities of war.

Cheltenham and Cirencester are towns in the news, nor do they wish to be. They have never been air-raided, nor are they likely to be, for they contain nothing of military value, unless you count a few retired army men, most of whom are past it.

Tucked safely away in the Cotswolds, Cheltenham and Cirencester could sleep through a war. No roar of guns could reach them; no crash of bombs on industrial cities. It is not such echoes of war that have now disturbed their slumbers. What has roused them is the ghastly utter-patter of little feet about the house.

Challenge To British Trade

MR. R. S. Hudson, Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade, addressing the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce recently, said that he was indebted to the Dean of Lincoln for the loan of a copy of Magna Carta for exhibition in the United Kingdom Pavilion at the New York World's Fair.

The Great Charter was a document of special interest and importance at the present time. One might almost describe it as the "birth certificate of democracy." A clause that had particularly impressed him dealt with the Freedom of Commerce, and ran:

"All merchants shall have freedom to come and go and to buy and sell in accordance with the ancient and right customs."

After the lapse of so many centuries we might still need to fight to maintain that freedom. The "ancient and right customs" were being challenged, and we must meet that challenge. No doubt the barons in their dealings with King John presented to him a very strong case, but the strength of their position lay in their unity. The same held true to-day.

The preliminary results of the first eleven months of last year, as published by the League of Nations statistical service, showed that in the recession in world trade we suffered somewhat less than others, and retained our position as the second largest exporting country in the world. It was significant that whereas the value of our exports for the period fell by about 10.2 per cent., those of Germany fell by 10.4 per cent. It did not, therefore, seem that a departure from the "ancient and right customs" in commerce was justified even by its immediate results. German methods had therefore improved their position relatively, but had merely served by the uncertainty of their incidence to disturb markets and to ensure that both we and they in many instances received an uneconomic price for our goods.

HOPES OF SUCCESS

Germany had her problems too, and the difficulties she had to face were in many respects far graver than ours. The Federation of "British Industries" had therefore a good chance of finding their opposite numbers in a reasonable frame of mind for negotiation, though the actual work of preparation was complicated and detailed and necessarily took some time.

Even if, as he hoped, negotiations were successful in the case of all the industries at present in mind, that was not going to solve our export problem. The troubles of the large group of textiles industries had to be tackled, and there was also a considerable number of miscellaneous trades. In the case of many firms in such industries export trade was only a side-line, the main preoccupation being the home market. He suggested that in spite of all difficulties there were plenty of openings in export trade, and that there were exploited to the full with determination and initiative they would make some impression on the figure of 2,000,000 unemployed.

A good deal was heard of the action that the Government might take in the way of compelling foreign countries to take our goods from us by making fuller use of our purchasing power. The foreign buyer, especially the individual purchaser in the shops, expected, legitimately, that if he was pressed to "buy British" British goods should be more or less competitive in price, at least as well got up and packed as those of other competitors, and pushed on his notice by methods of advertisement and after-sales service at least as efficient. Where those conditions were fulfilled the exporter in this country would find the Government only too ready to back him up by all means in their power. Government pressure was an invaluable backing, but was no substitute for a competitive standard in British goods. For us as a country to try to make it a substitute would merely arouse resentment in the

IF WAR COMES "Not if we can stop it," say the masters and mistresses of the elegant homes. In Cirencester there are indignation meetings and from Cheltenham a protest is sent to Westminster.

And not only from these pleasant towns do startled squeals arise. There have been letters from residents of what may be called "cushy retreats"—quiet cathedral cities, health resorts, refuges of those who, having retired from active life, have shut themselves off from the working world.

They write about their china, their beds, their linen, their drawing-rooms. They shudder at the thought of children's shoes on their carpets, children's voices in their ears.

Hearing their squeals, one might almost suppose these people to be alive, but are they fully conscious? Do they know what is happening in the world? No.

IN DUG OUT LAND In squealing before they are hurt they are setting a curious example to the rest of us, and especially to those who are much more likely to suffer than themselves.

If war does come, we must all put up with worse hardships than having other people's children in our houses.

In one way or another we shall all have to fight. There will be compulsory military service from the first day. There will be compulsory civil service, compulsory rationing, compulsory billeting.

Everybody in England will have to exert himself to the utmost in order to beat the enemy.

If we have to give all that we have, then we shall not give too much. He that is not with us will be against us.

Do these people think that because they live in sheltered spots out of the reach of the guns, that they are not in the same boat as the rest of us?

Then they are indeed door-nails, and for God's sake let them keep silent, for their protests are offensive to the ears of their neighbours.

If war comes there will be more useful work for women's hands than bringing tea into drawing-rooms, and one half of a child's head will be worth more than all the chattels in Cheltenham.

Yule Tree Five-Bodied

Quarryville, N. B. J. J. Duffy has a Christmas tree that would suit the Dionne quintuplets. The tree is a five-bodied evergreen he found growing out of an old stump. Each body is about eight feet high and the collective butt is two inches in diameter.

country concerned, would create an instinctive sales resistance against British goods, and in the long run would damage rather than help our manufacturers.

The recent slackening of tension in the political sphere was being followed by the beginnings of a recovery of confidence, so vital to the successful transaction of international trade. It was significant that in spite of the fact that there were a large number of industries exhibiting in the forthcoming British Industries Fair, which were greatly affected by the rearmament programme, the Engineering and Hardware Section at Birmingham, where most of these industries exhibited, would create a new record in the amount of exhibiting space occupied.

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HOW BRITAIN'S RICHEST MAN HANDLES HIS VAST WEALTH

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THE DEATH RECENTLY OF SIR WILLIAM COX, WHO MANAGED A CONSIDERABLE PART OF SIR JOHN ELLERMAN'S MILLIONS AND WAS HIS CLOSEST ADVISER, WILL MARK A TURNING-POINT IN THE LIFE OF THE RICHEST MAN IN BRITAIN.

No one man will ever be appointed again to share with Sir John all the secrets of the Ellerman fortune.

Sir John has now decided to manage his own financial affairs. His decision to do so is particularly important because in a few years' time he will become master for the first time since his father's death in 1933 of the full interest yield by the entire Ellerman possessions.

Under his father's will the full fortune only comes to him when he reaches the thirties.

NEW CHAPTER

In the five years since 1933 a new chapter has been added to this most remarkable of all the great British fortunes.

When the late Sir John Ellerman died his millions were mainly in shipping, real estate, brewery and newspaper shares. But in addition there were vast interests in scores of industrial companies, and huge sums of cash in the banks which had been accumulated against death duties.

It took three years to complete the tally of the estate, but in the end it was sworn at £26,084,000.

This was an abnormally low estimate due to the fact that Sir John had died in the course of the slump period when values were low.

At one period a few years earlier Sir John himself valued his estate at the colossal figure of £71,000,000.

Death duties of £18,000,000 were paid, which left the present Sir John Ellerman, then about twenty-four years of age, with a starting fortune of £18,000,000.

Since then there has been an astonishing rise in values which, aided by the fact that Sir John Ellerman lives very frugally and leaves his wealth to accumulate,

has resulted in a rise to a total at present of something in the region of £20,000,000.

At this figure it is by far the greatest fortune in Britain, and probably in Europe. There are indeed few fortunes in the world that equal it.

When Sir John Ellerman inherited the fortune on his father's death his financial education had barely begun. That was where the importance of Sir William Cox lay.

Sir William, who had risen from a minor part in the Ellerman organization to a position of great power, quickly won the confidence of the shy heir whom he had known since boyhood.

Sir John learned to lean on the sound advice and great experience of Cox. He was able to retire into quiet privacy.

COMING OUT

During the last year or two, however, he has begun to come more out of his shell. He is now visiting more frequently the offices in Moorgate, from where the principal Ellerman concerns are directed. Further evidence that he is intended to lead the life of a millionaire was his purchase last year of 20 Kensington Palace-gardens. There he now en-



Group photograph taken of the Chinese Engineering Society at the St. Francis Hotel recently—Royal Studio.

tertains on a scale he never attempted before.

The attachment between the old man and the young one was very close. When Sir William died suddenly in Nottingham last month, Sir John hurried there by motor-car. He felt a great personal grief and himself arranged for the body to be brought back by road. He followed behind in another car.

Sir John now intends to delegate some of Sir William's powers to one or two men he can trust.

One of these is likely to be thirty-six-year-old Mr. Raphael de Sol, his brother-in-law. Mr. de Sol is a financier, with shipping interests both in this country and in India.

He has already handled some of the Ellerman investments.

The complicated control of the Ellerman millions has never been clearly understood by the general public. It may be interesting if I clear up some of the misunderstandings.

When the late Sir John Ellerman made his will he was taken to the trustees who were to manage the estate until his son was over thirty.

These trustees are young Sir John himself, Mr. Frederick George Burt (the late Sir John's confidential secretary), and the Debenture Securities Investment Trust Company, Ltd., of which eighty-two-year-old Sir Miles Mathison, K.C., is chairman. Sir Miles is considered the greatest trust expert in the City of London.

A fourth name should really be added to the trusteeship. This is Mr. Hubert Stanley Holden, managing director of the Ellerman Lines, Ltd., the great Ellerman shipping expert and the man who has more shipping responsibilities than any other man in Britain.

Sir Miles Mathison, Mr. Burt and Mr. Holden are the only directors of the Debenture Securities Investment Trust. These three men, with Sir William Cox, formed the inner "brains trust" of the Ellerman companies.

The will directed that any matter of importance in relation to the Ellerman estate in its entirety was to be dealt with by the trustees.

Between two and three pounds were handed over for Sir John's personal use immediately on his father's death. He has had other large sums, amounting to about another £5,000,000, since then. The investment of most of this personal fortune of £6,000,000 was one of the duties of Sir William Cox.

The will "trust" is distinct from the Ellerman Property Trust. Nearly all the share capital of the Property Trust company belongs to the estate which the "will trustees" control. In addition, other large real estate possessions are also controlled by the trustees, although Sir William Cox managed many of them.

SIR JOHN'S PART

The management of these estates will not have to be considered by the

Seiberling, Jr.

Toledo, O.
Frank Seiberling, Jr., son of the Akron rubber magnate, has picked his way through art centres of Europe and into a job as an assistant to the director of Toledo Museum of Art.

DO FISH SLEEP?

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AUSTRALIAN BUTTER

Curate in Train Smash Missed His Wedding

ON the way to Eastbourne for his wedding, the Rev. Edwin Stratton, curate at St. Matthew's, Wolverhampton, scrambled from the wreckage in the Hatfield train smash recently and endeavoured to get to London by coach.

At Potters Bar he collapsed and was taken to the Cottage Hospital, where he was detained for observation.

It is suspected that Mr. Stratton, whose home is in Biggleswade, has internal injuries.

BRIDE'S DASH

His bride-to-be, Miss Elsie Goddard, of Gore Park Road, Eastbourne, dashed to the hospital from Eastbourne when she heard the news. They were to have been married at St. Michael's Church, Eastbourne. Miss Goddard, formerly an assistant in an Eastbourne store, was dressing for the wedding when a telegram came from Potters Bar Hospital.

"She collapsed with the shock," her mother said. "When she recovered she hastily dressed and dashed off in a taxi with the best man to go to Potters Bar."

"We were able to advise the vicar of St. Michael's, but a number of guests arrived at the church. Finding no one there they came on here to find out the cause."

"After Elsie had gone a telegram came from Mr. Stratton saying that he was delayed by a train accident and would be coming next day."

Mr. Stratton was standing in the corridor of the wrecked coach when the crash occurred.

JUMPED OVER FENCE
He was thrown flat in the corridor and probably this saved his life, because both sides of the carriage were caved in, and he was left just a small aperture through which he was able to crawl out.

He ran from the track, scrambled up the steep snow-covered bank of the cutting, jumped over a wire fence and boarded a passing motor-coach bound for London.

"He told me," said Captain John Melcalfe, a passenger in the train, "that he reckoned he would not be very late for his wedding."

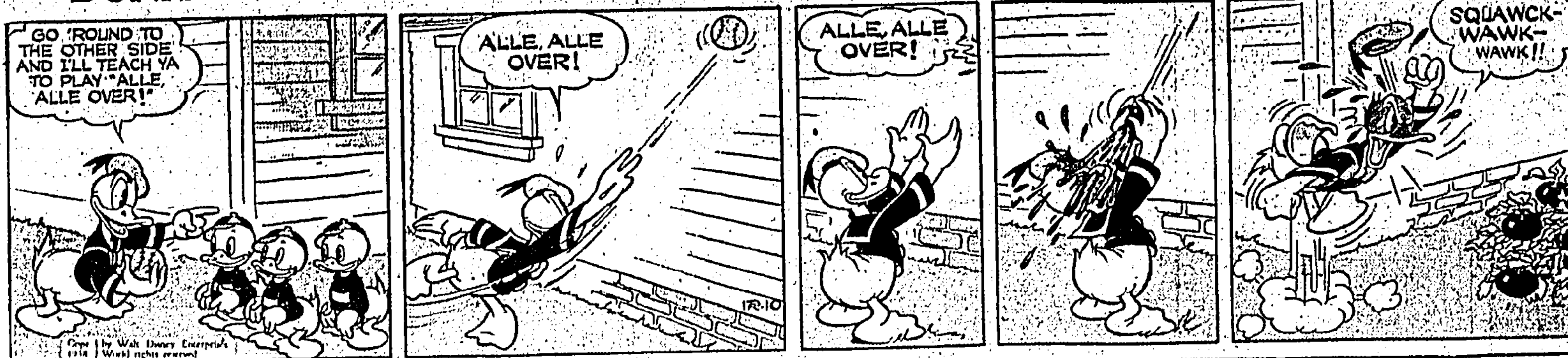
The Lambeth Walk Passes Bath Test
THE Lambeth Walk was "tried" at the historic Assembly Rooms, Bath, recently and won.

It had been banned by the chairman of the entertainment sub-committee, Alderman Bateman, without the knowledge and authority of other members, and the decision was rescinded.

The committee, in deference to public opinion and ridicule, revoked the ban.

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PROF. W. I. GERRARD Farewell Dinner Held At Haw Par Mansion

A complimentary dinner to Professor W. I. Gerrard and Mrs. Gerrard, who are going on long leave by the Empress of Japan on Friday next, was given by Mr. Ip Kwai-chung at Haw Par Mansion last night.

Besides the guests of honour, there were present Wing Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins and Mrs. Steele-Perkins, Colonel and Mrs. Simson, Flight-Lieut. Jenkins, Mr. A. Morris, Mr. Ho Kom-ong, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Mr. Fung Kong-un, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Raymond, Mrs. R. Langley, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Woo, Mr. H. H. Deddow, Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Valentine, Dr. and Mrs. Dovey, and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Thomas.

Following dinner, Mr. Ip said: I have invited you here this evening to do honour to Dr. and Mrs.

Gerrard who, as you know, are closely associated with the work of St. John, and who are departing on home leave in the immediate future. It has been said that people going on leave, "cut their way out," while others "talk themselves out," but to my personal knowledge, Professor Gerrard has "worked his passage out" if only in the arduous, and thankless task of acting as Chairman of the St. John Committee, a position which he has occupied with tact and round common sense.

I know I am voicing the sentiments of this assembly, and of all members of St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade, in wishing Dr. and Mrs. Gerrard a safe and pleasant voyage, a happy holiday, and a joyful reunion with those members of their family who are at home already. We look forward to their speedy return, with renewed and redoubled vigour, to further the work of St. John in this Colony.

Valuable Work
Professor Gerrard, as an Officer of the Venerable Order of St. John of

Jerusalem, has been identified with the activities of St. John in various capacities: Chairman of the New Territories Medical Benevolent Branch of St. John, Hon. Consulting Physician to the Cheung Chau Haw Par Hospital and to the New Territories Clinics and latterly Assistant Commissioner St. John Association and Brigade.

Above all he has given generously of his medical experience and knowledge in numerous cases, where the patients have been in an extremely poverty-stricken condition. It is no secret to say that Mrs. Gerrard has associated herself with St. John New Territories activities, and has visited the clinics there on several occasions.

I would now ask you all to rise and drink to the health of our departing guests—Dr. and Mrs. Gerrard.

Prof. Gerrard, after thanking Mr. Ip for the honour accorded him and his wife, expressed the hope that the public of Hongkong would take more interest in the St. John Ambulance

BRITISH PROTEST Bombing of Sian Leads To Action in Tokyo

London, Mar. 13.
The British Ambassador in Tokyo, Sir Robert Craigie, has lodged a protest with the Japanese Government against the bombing of the Chinese city of Sian by Japanese planes, it is stated here to-day.

In the course of this air raid a hospital of the British Baptist Mission was damaged and a Chinese woman and nurse killed.—Trans-Ocean.

Association and Brigade, because they had done an immense amount of work both in Hongkong itself in the way of his ambulance services, and also in the New Territories for the benefit of the inhabitants there. Further, he said, they were helping in the training of people for air raid precautions and had done a lot for the relief of refugees.

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12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Roy Fox and His Orchestra with Turner Layton (Vocal and Piano)

You Took The Words Right Out Of My Heart—Fox-Trot; Thanks For The Memory—Fox-Trot (Film "Big Broadcast of 1938"); Roy Fox and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Was It Rain? (Hirsch and Handman); When The Harvest Moon Is Shining (Wilfred and Swaine); Turner Layton (Vocal) at the Piano: A Beautiful Lady In Blue—Waltz; Roy Fox and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Selling Home (Samuels, Whitcup and Powell); After All These Years (Gilbert and Nicholls); Turner Layton (Vocal) at the Piano: Love And Learn—Fox-Trot (Film "That Girl From Paris"); Sweet Little Slow Fox-Trot (Film "Walkie Wedding"); Roy Fox and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 Harold Ramsay at the Organ.
Rodeo March (Ramsay); St. Louis Blues (Handy); Popular Melodies; Intro: Alone at a table for two; Alone; I'm all alone; You started me dreaming; The touch of your lips; Lost.

1.15 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.30 Dance Music.
Quicksteps: O.O.O.O.O.Oh, Boom! Maria, I Wanna Make Rhythm (Film "Manhattan Music Box"); Harry Roy and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Tango—Hear My Song, Violetta; Robert Renard Dance Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

1.40 Light Orchestra.
A Day In Tyrol (Romer and Faun); Swing Me Up Higher (A Fair Ground Fantasy—Mackeben); The Bohemians; Scandinavian Dances (Collected by the Ling Association); Intro: Shoemaker; Hornpipe; Norwegian Mazurka; Mangling; Folk Dance Orchestra cond. by Victor Olof; Tango Torero (Boulanger); Gypsy Serenade (Boulanger); George Boulanger and His Orchestra; Black Eyes (Russian Gypsy Song—Favre); Pizzicato-Intermezzo (Muh); Willy Steiner and His Salon Orchestra; Parade Of The Tin Soldiers (Jessel); Rag Doll (Nacio Herb Brown); New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra; Watermelon Fete (Thurman); Down South (Medley); (arr. Tabbush); Jack Hyland and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

2.15 Close Down.
6.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) When my dream boat comes home; (b) Slumming on Park Avenue; (c) Tears in my heart; (d) He Ain't Got Rhythm.

6.14 Record: Many Happy Returns Of The Day (Dubin and Burke); Blaze Away (Kennedy and Holmann); Eddie Peabody playing his Banjo Guitar, Mandoline and Mandocello with Own Vocal Refrain and Piano.

6.21 (a) Solitude; (b) An old straw hat; (c) Alone with you; (d) Happy Ending.

6.35 Records: I'm A Fool For Loving You (Lewis-Wendling); You Have That Extra Something (V. Ellis); Frances Day (Soprano) with Orchestra; Cloister Shadows (Hoop); Reginald Foot at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ.

6.44 (a) Ebb Tide; (b) The Shag; (c) Malinali Mel; (d) Row Row your boat.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 -Eggar—"Crown Of India" Suite, Op. 68.

London Symphony Orchestra conducted by The Composer.

7.15 London Relay—English Folk Music.

A programme of music by Gerrard Williams, founded on English folk-tunes, with an account, written by the composer, of the tunes and the songs and how they were collected; Ethel Williams (Soprano); George Gibbs (Baritone); The B.B.C. Midland Orchestra conducted by Eric Warr; Orchestra: Folk Tunes; Madley: The Glory of the West; New, New, Nothings; Mundess: Farewell, Nancy (Somerset); George Gibbs and Orchestra: Jack the Jolly Tar; One May Morning (Dorset); Orchestra: Lovely

on the Water (Norfolk); Folk Tune: Medley: Prince Rupert March; Ethel Williams and Orchestra: Two Somerset Folk Songs: In Bruton Town; Gordie; Orchestra: The Cuckoo (Somerset); The Unfortunate Lad (Yorkshire); Ethel Williams and Orchestra: William Taylor (Somerset); Orchestra: Folk Tune Medley: The Milk Mayday; Bob; An Old Man is a Bedfall of Bonos; Lullie me beyond thee.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) and Tino Rossi (Tenor) in a Light French Programme.

Air Variet Sur Un Theme Suisse (Mohr); Garde Republicaine Band of France cond. by Pierre Dupont; Le Secret De Tes Coresses (Varna, Cab and Ala); M'Almes Tu? (Pearly); Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra; Ballade (Jambian and Delectre); Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra; Te Revoyez-vous (C'est De L'Amour (Montier and Tillymoon); Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra; Estampe Marocaine (Eddy and Bos); Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra; Serenade—Valse gnoise (Metra); De Picpus Au Palais D'Angkor—Felix (Metra); (Marceau); Orchestra Ruby Goldstein; D'Amour En Amour (Lelievre and Delectre); La Voyageuse (Aubert and Delectre); Lucienne Boyer with Orchestra.

8.47 Charlie Kunz at the Piano.
Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D.3; Intro: Across the great divide; The night is young and you're so beautiful; Boo-hoo; The Coronation Waltz; I'm still in love with you; Delyse; Kunz Revisals No. 1; Intro: Some of these days; With a song in my heart; Night and day; If you could care for me; Kiss me again; Bitter Sweet.

9.00 Studio—Monologue by David Kossick.

9.15 Jimmy Dorsey's Orchestra.
You Never Looked So Beautiful (Film "The Great Ziegfeld"); You (Film "The Great Ziegfeld"); Whoo! (Friend); T'aint No Use (Maggison, Lane); The Boston Tea Party—Fox-Trot; with Vocal Refrain.

9.30 London Relay—"The News."

9.50 Songs by Stuart Robertson (Baritone).

Sea Fever (Ireland); When Lights Go Rolling (Ireland); When Dull Care (Lane Wilson); with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.

10.00 London Relay—"The City of London 4: The Ballie Exchange."

By Frank E. Fehr, c.m.e., Chairman of the Ballie Exchange.

10.15 Beethoven—Symphony No. 6 In F Major, Op. 68 ("Pastoral").

Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

11.00 Close Down.

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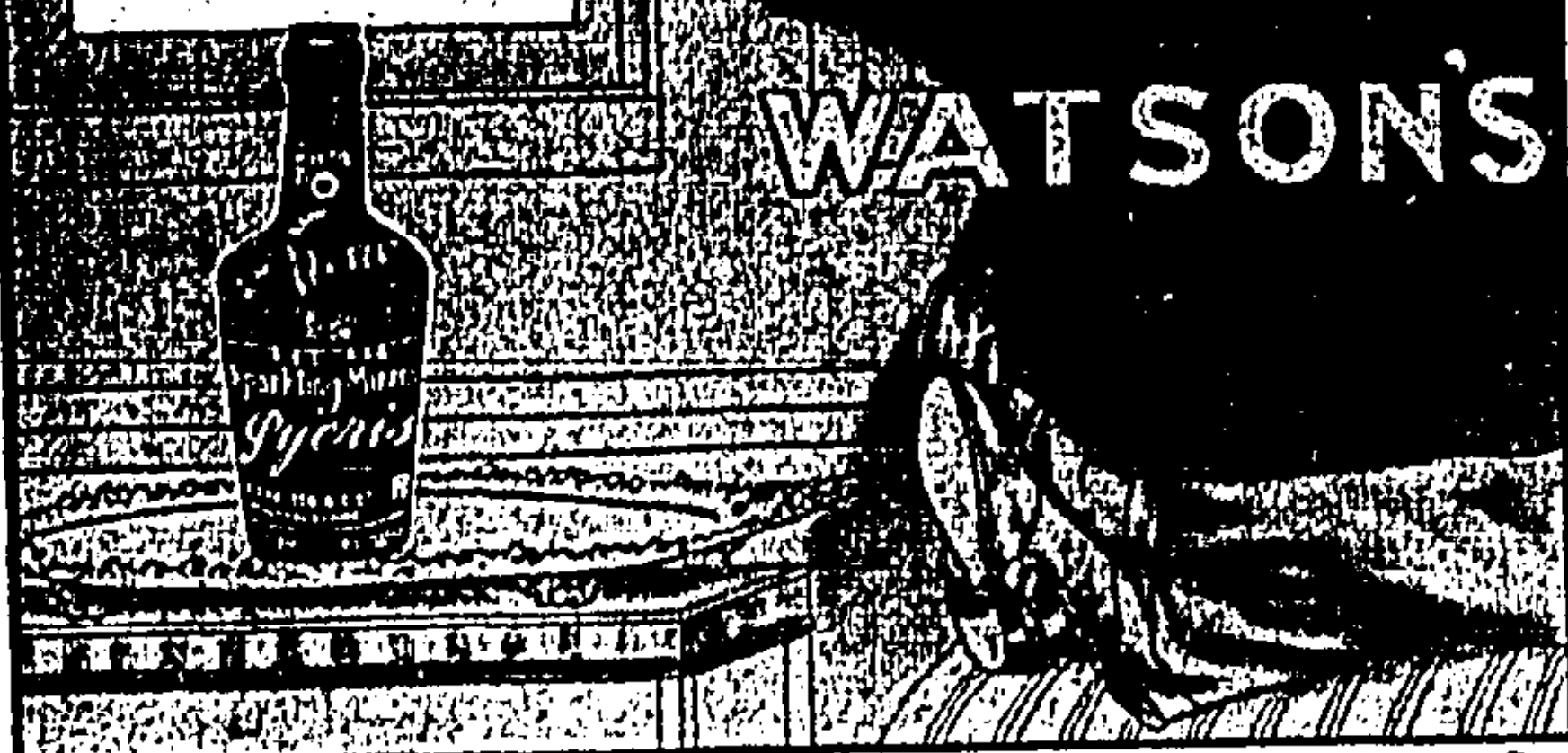


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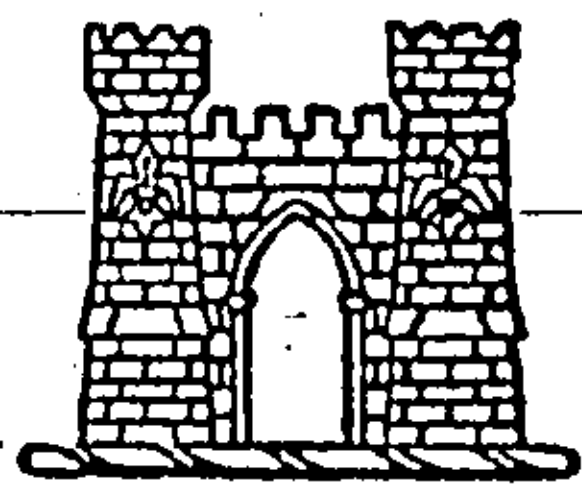
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Jew and Arab

One of the anomalies of the
present conversations between
Arab and Jew at St. James's
Palace in London is that,
although they cannot agree on
a basis for settlement them-
selves, they expect Britain to
wave the magic wand that will
bring understanding and peace
to the Holy Land.

Why Britain should be wor-
ried by this problem is beyond
understanding. Yet a solution
is of as much importance to
Britain as it is to the Jews and
Arabs, for the difficulties and
trials of Palestine are a crisis,
more or less, to the entire world.
A solution would mean much for
the Jews in Germany, for
instance.

Can an accommodation be
reached? Yes—on conditions.
How did the trouble arise?
During the war, Britain prom-
ised the Jews a national home
in Palestine. Britain also made
a treaty promising to set up an
Arab State there.

Ever since then, Britain has
been trying to keep both prom-
ises at once. Hence the con-
fusion.

This condition cannot con-
tinue, and Britain must realise
it. The Jews must realise, also,
that the Arabs are the native
people of the country.

The fact that the Jews settled
in Palestine thousands of years
ago should not give them
priority now. The Romans settled
in Britain two thousand
years ago. But that does not
mean that the Italian restau-
rateurs in London can claim to
control the Government in
Whitehall.

On the other hand, the Arabs
must remember that the Jews
settled in Palestine with the
assistance and protection of the
British Government, and that
protection cannot be revoked
now.

The immediate solution of the
problem seems to depend on the
prohibition of any more Jewish
immigration into Palestine.

What is the ultimate solution
to be?

Some suggest a plan for a
Federation including Syria and
Trans-Jordan (to where rioting
spread yesterday with heavy
loss of life), in which the in-
terest of the Jews could be safe-
guarded. This may be one way
out. But there are many dif-
ficulties in the way.

WINGS over Suburbia

by
FRANK
TILSLEY

famous novelist and
writer, who lives there

THE drone of warplanes
in the sky became
louder and louder. The
sun caught their wings
as they wheeled round, three
flights of them, and made
swiftly to where I stood, almost
paralysed with fright, watching
them.

They were headed straight for
me, but at the last moment they
passed, with an appalling roar,
just over my head, so low that,
had I not been hunched up, with
my eyes shut tight, I could
doubtless have made out the
pilots' faces.

When my ears had again be-
come capable of normal hear-
ing the noise had faded into the
low, continuous drone which,
eternally, filled the
skies.

No, I was not anywhere in
Spain, or China, but standing
at the front door of a pleasant
suburban house with a trim
garden and concrete paths, a
couple of hundred yards from
Northolt Aerodrome, in Middle-
sex.

"REALLY, it's quiet to-
day," said Mrs. Powell,
of Clifford-road. "You
should be here some days! In the
course of one morning we saw
sixty-nine machines and often as
many as fifty up together."

"I'm glad I didn't come when it
was busy, then," I said, eyeing,
anxiously, another fleet of bombers
banking against the wind over the
aerodrome. "I should think it
would drive you mad, this row
going on all day long."

If it was only during the day-
time it wouldn't be so bad," said
Mrs. Powell, keeping an eye on her
fair, curly-headed two-year-old
son, playing on the pavement, "but

they're often at it until one in the
morning—and as often as not they
wake me up again at four. Unfor-
tunately I'm a light sleeper. Still,"
she said, "I suppose we've just got
to get used to it."

Elsewhere I found a householder
who wasn't so philosophical.
"Yes," he said, "I suppose you can
get used to anything in a way, but
I notice that all my neighbours
seem to be damn, bad-tempered
lately."

I looked, as well as I listened, and
counted eight separate planes
wandering slowly about various
parts of the afternoon sky. It
seemed impossible that these tiny
shining objects, so remote at the
moment, were responsible for the
continuous, nerve-racking drone
which, by its very persistence,
somehow got right under your skin.

"You know," he said, "it's a bit
thick for people like us who hap-
pen to have chosen districts like
this, where R.A.F. activity has so
enormously increased. The whole
neighbourhood, here, has deterio-
rated like magic. Originally every-
body owned their houses and were
proud of them."

Now the noise has driven some
of them out and the houses are
being rented to people who don't
care twopenny."

HE had to stop for a
moment while, three
gigantic bombers, so low
that I had to check myself from
ducking, roared overhead, shaking
a bicycle against a wall and, for a

brief frightening moment, blot-
ting out the sun.

"Seventy-five tons of metal
there," he grinned.

"Take my case, though," he went
on. "I paid £525 for my house
nearly three years ago. I still owe
£450 on mortgage. But if I cleared
out from here, as I'd like to do,
would I be able to get my money
back? Some people have just run
for it, in the night, leaving the
houses without notice; but why
should respectable folk like us
have to slink away like that, like
so many criminals? It isn't good
enough."

As I was talking to a young
mother nearby, we were interrup-
ted by the most frightful sound I
have ever heard. It was like the
highest note of a shrieking woman
caught and petrified. It just went
on and on and on; the one high
unbelievable note, coming, appa-
rently, from a curious-looking
plane which hardly seemed to be
moving.

I FOUND myself taut,
waiting for it to stop,
gripping my pencil as
though it was a last straw, saving
me from drowning. At last, it
moved out of hearing, and we both
sighed together.

"That's the thing I can't stand,"
she said. "It's controlled by wire-
less or something. Though, really,
it's my children I'm frightened for
most. I'm terrified of a crash."

"You know there was one a few
miles away some weeks ago? The
pilot was buried forty feet, they
say. It took hours to dig him out.
I keep on at my husband to move,
but he's got to be near his job, you
see."

If you ask me anything, a war
could almost be a relief, more than
anything else. It will end this
awful tension, anyway. If it's go-
ing to keep on much longer, then
I say the sooner we have a war and
get it over and done with the bet-
ter. If it wasn't for the children
I'm sure I'd go mad. Two neigh-
bours of mine are under the doctor
with nerves—do you wonder?"

I called on a local doctor, who
told me he had nerve cases, yes,
but the astonishing thing to him
was that he hadn't got consider-
ably more. "It's wonderful, the
way people somehow keep control
over themselves," he said. "Sim-
ply wonderful. You might almost
call it heroic."

OUTSIDE, two boys, four
or five years old, sat on
the pavement playing
with a pile of gravel left there
for road surfacing. Five flights of
heavy planes, hurtling a couple of
hundred feet above them, didn't
make them look up.

"They were big ones," I said.
"In Gloucester Gladiators,"
said the bigger boy.

"Go on," said the other, "you
don't know anything; Bristol
Bulldogs, those were."

"Bristol Bulldogs?" jeered the
first boy, gripping his spade pug-
natically. "they're fighting ma-
chines. Those there are bombers."

I left them to it.

PEACEFUL PENETRATION

SOME years ago I wished to visit
a small village called Itary in
the south of Brazil. The train ser-
vice to it was very irregular, and I
decided to go by road. This proved
to be little more than a red earth
track winding along the coast, and
through virgin jungle, but after some
hours of uncomfortable driving I
sighted a small village lying amongst
cultivated fields in a small valley.

I drove through fields of sweet
peppers and past fields where rice
was sprouting from the damp earth,
at the side of a river. Other fields
were used for market gardening and
showed fine crops of cabbage, lettuce,
and other greens. Finally I drove
into the village and found myself,
much to my surprise, in Japan! Or
so it seemed from all I saw around
me.

Planking the one and only street
were houses completely unlike the
red clay huts beloved of the Brazilian
land worker. They were of wooden
frames covered with straw matting
and thick paper panels. The panels,
I discovered later, were composed of
many layers of cheap wallpaper glued
together. The outer walls were in
some cases decorated with typical
Japanese painting, and open doors
showed rooms apparently devoid of
furniture.

NAKED AND UNASHAMED

Numerous naked children played in
the street, their warm yellow skins
glowing in the bright sunlight. At
one door squatted an old Japanese
woman dressed in an ancient silk
robe while she puffed a curiously
shaped pipe. Another old man
with a strangely white beard was
laboriously writing on a sheet of
paper with a small brush. He show-
ed absolutely no curiosity when I
stopped my car and alighted.

Among the naked children I noticed
some, both boys and girls, of at least
twelve years of age, and could not
help contrasting this with Brazilian
children of the same age. Brazilians
learn modesty (false or otherwise)
very early in life, and would never
dream of going about unclothed. The
Japanese children, however,
were not in the least embarrassed
by their nakedness, and they crowd-
ed round me as I walked along the
street.

At one point I found the village
school, a small building in a large
open space. The children were all
out in the open, seated on the ground
as they awaited some lesson after the
teacher. There seemed to be no
lack of discipline, and the children
did not so much as glance in my
direction until the lesson was over.

STATE WITHIN STATE

After that I spoke to the school-
master and explained that I had been
going to Itary, but had seemingly
arrived in Japan. He laughed and
explained in good English that this
was Itary—the Japanese part of it.
The older Brazilian village was a
mile or so along the road.

He told me that the Japanese
colony had been established some
years before, and how he had been
sent with the people to teach the
children. He took me round some
of the houses, and I saw that the
people were living as Japanese in
every sense of the word.

The Brazilian Government had
been very anxious to avoid the es-
tablishment of States within States,
and the Japanese had shown their
good intentions by teaching the children
to sing the Brazilian National
Anthem. But I am afraid that that
was as far as the good intention
went, for in the Japanese Itary I
saw no signs of the children becom-
ing Brazilians. The schoolmaster
told me quite frankly that he was
paid by the Japanese Government to
maintain a proper sense of nation-
ality amongst the Japanese people.

It is not surprising that the Bra-
zilian Government is now anxious
about these large colonies of
foreigners who have no intention of
becoming nationals of the country
they inhabit.

Miller Watson.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Oh, come on, there's plenty of room—the rink has a seating
capacity of 2,000!"

THIRD OF A SERIES
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ARTICLES FROM LONDON ON

Britain Prepares For War

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the next

war Britain, for the first time
in 900 years, will be in grave
danger of armed invasion. In
the past the navy kept her
shores intact. The danger
now is from the air. To meet
this modern peril, Britain is
organising her civil population.
Every able-bodied man and
woman will have a job to do.
This series of articles tells the
story of Britain's army of
"passive defence", and of the
hundred-and-one other ways
in which Britain is preparing
for war at home.

By H. L. PERCY

United Press Staff Correspondent

ACTUAL, visible evidence of
Britain's preparation for the
next war is practically non-
existent. Most of the plans,
possibly 90 per cent., are still on
paper.

A stranger arriving in England
would have a hard job reconciling
any ideas he might have that Britain
is panic-strickenly throwing up the
barbaric with the actual facts.

The normal life of the country is
scarcely ruffled. Defence is seldom
a topic of conversation.

Almost the only concrete evidence
the stranger would see to-day are
the trenches, relics of the September
crisis. And they are not much to
look at. Just long banks of upland
earth, marring the symmetry of the
park, and often as not half-full of
water.

PROTECTION FOR 1,000,000

THEY were crude, hastily contrived
affairs, and the government has
now more or less abandoned them
as a means of protection. It has
ordered that those already dug are
to be reinforced with steel and kept
in good condition, but no more are
to be built. The banks of earth are
to be made into flower-beds. They
can, if necessary, provide protection
for about 1,000,000 people.

The stranger might also see a few
men and women wearing little silver
badges of various shapes in their
button-holes. These are the insignia
of the qualified air-raid precautions
workers, or the auxiliary police, or
one of the scores of other volunteer
defence services.

But the stranger would be un-
usually fortunate if he were to meet
one of these workers. In my own
quite wide circle of acquaintances,
I know of barely half-a-dozen who
have taken up A.R.P. work. There is
definitely no sign as yet of the
nationalistic response to the govern-
ment's call to national service, for
which it hopes.

NEWSPAPER CRITICISM

THE STRANGER would gather
most of his information from the
newspapers. Not a day passes with-
out some story in all the papers.

Sometimes just a paragraph record-
ing the initiative of some local coun-
cil. Sometimes a front-page story
on a government announcement.
More often than not, a criticism of
existing conditions.

And always there are advertise-
ments for air-raid protection, from
two-line "classifieds" to full-page
spreads. They offer shelters, shovels,
pails, asbestos suits, wardrobes for
keeping air-raid kit, sand-bags, and
a hundred and one articles that might
be useful in a dug-out.

The shelters range from crude
affairs of corrugated iron over a hole
in the back-yard, which cost about
£1, to de-luxe concrete, pill-boxes,
fully equipped, from £22 upwards.

The shovels and pails are for
handling incendiary bombs. They
followed the government's statement
that every household should be equip-
ped with a long-handled shovel and
a large tin pail. The idea is that if
an incendiary bomb drops in that
particular you can scoop it into a pail-
ful of sand and rush it out of harm's
way.

Continuing the stranger's adven-
tures; he would undoubtedly em-
barrass nine people out of ten if he
asked them what they had done with
their gas-masks.

Forty million of them were distrib-
uted in crisis week. Previously the
government had said that they would
be stored to prevent deterioration.
But after the crisis, it was decided
to let the public take care of them,
and cardboard boxes were to be pro-
vided for them.

Most people threw them into a
cupboard, out of sight and mind.
Others gave them to the children to
play with. A few found them a
satisfactory means of committing
suicide.

One man, at least, destroyed his.
He was summoned for damaging
government property, but the magis-
trate ruled that it was his own prop-
erty, the gift of the government.

There was an order that local
A.R.P. organisations should visit
every household and check up on
their masks, replacing faulty ones,
of which there were many, in the
September rush. But this has been
(Continued on Page 11.)

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

China

SEVERE JAPANESE RAIDS

Luichow And Loyang Attacked

Pakhoi, Kwangtung, Mar. 13. Five Japanese planes, subjected to a severe bombing yesterday, dropping over a dozen missiles in the city. Two women were killed and eight persons wounded, while a large section of the city was devastated. The French Cathedral in Luichow, in the Luichow Peninsula, is reported to have been wrecked during a Japanese air raid last Saturday. Many houses in the vicinity were also demolished. Besides bombs, a number of hand-bills were also rained in the town.—Central News.

LOYANG MASSACRE

Loyang, Mar. 13. After a mid-week respite, wanton massacre from the air was once again resumed by the Japanese air force yesterday when sixteen planes, in two groups of seven and nine, bombed Loyang. The Japanese airmen chose as their target crowded residential sections of the city, where they dumped at least eighty missiles, causing the death of over forty civilians. About a score others received wounds.

More than 400 houses were demolished. Due to the timely warning given by the air defence authorities, the houses were quickly evacuated before the arrival of the raiders, which accounted for the relative small number of casualties in proportion to the houses destroyed. First aid corps were immediately at work on the bombed places giving medical relief to the victims. Good excavation work was done and a number of people buried alive under the debris of wrecked houses were dragged out and sent to hospitals for treatment.

A message from Tungkwang reports that a number of small villages in Shensi, including Wangkhiachuan, Fuminshan, Sunningtsun, Wangkhiang and Shanyang, were also bombed by the Japanese air force yesterday.—Central News.

Domest adds that Japanese army planes on Sunday bombed the Chinese defence equipment south of Tungkwang, on the western section of the Lanchow Railway, and Chanyi, another strategic town about 10 miles north-west of Tungkwang on the Shensi-Shensi border.

Pakonghow Raided

Shiukwan, Mar. 13. Pakonghow, on the Canton-Hankow Railway east of Tsingyuan, was raided by six Japanese aeroplanes on Saturday morning. The raiders released fourteen bombs which were intended for the Chinese defence works. Owing to the foggy weather, the bombs missed their mark.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

ICHANG TOLL

Chungking, Mar. 13. Chinese reports state that according to information received from Ichang the death toll there as the result of the repeated bombings last week totals 4,500. During the weekend the inhabitants have been busy burying corpses in the suburbs.—United Press.

Burma

Japanese Have Price On Heads

Tokyo, Mar. 13. Prices ranging from yuen 1,000 to yuen 5,000 are set on the heads of Japanese residents and members of the Japanese Consulate, including the Consul himself, by Chinese anti-Japanese societies in Burma, according to Mr. Toyoji Kaneko, Japanese Consul at Rangoon, who returned here to-day.

Appreciation of the efforts made by the Burmese police authorities to protect members of the Japanese Consulate was expressed by Mr. Kaneko.

The bonded warehouses at Rangoon were full of arms and ammunition destined for China, including 5,000 tons of war materials which were landed by the British steamer Stan-hale on November 6, last year.

Actual transit of arms and ammunition to China through Burma did not amount to much due to the failure to pay imports duties on the part of the Chinese.

He added that there were rumours that the arms being transported to China through Burma were often seized by bandits in the western part of Yunnan Province.—Domest.

COLONEL F. K. SIMMONS

London, Mar. 13. Col. F. K. Simmons, successor to Major A. P. B. Telfer-Smollett, as General Officer Commanding Troops in Shanghai, will sail by the P. and O. troopship Dilwara on April 15.—Reuter.

Latest News On Slovakia Situation

POSITION IS NOT YET CLEAR: TISO TO VISIT HITLER: COUP FEARED

Czech soldiers and German voluntary policemen were involved in a number of clashes in Slovakia following the recent uprising. Many Germans were assaulted while several arrests were made in various cities.

Rumours are current that a Leftist putsch has been planned for this week aimed to restore former President Edouard Benes. The situation is still puzzling European statesmen, diplomats wondering whether the events in Czechoslovakia has been part of Germany's march to the east.

While Prague is inclined to be optimistic Germany's position is still not clear and the renewal of the "hate campaign" in the German press and the invitation to ex-Premier Tiso to visit Berlin are taken as indications of a German interest in events which may lead to a sudden coup to bring Czechoslovakia within the orbit of German influence in Central Europe.

Czechs Cautious

Prague, Mar. 13. Since early morning supervision has been exercised on the bridges over the Danube, although traffic was not stopped. Meanwhile, the German minority in Czechoslovakia is becoming increasingly active.—Reuter.

More "Incidents"

Prague, Mar. 13. There was a serious incident this morning at Igla on the border of Bohemia and Moravia. The Germans gathered in front of the town hall and succeeded in hoisting the swastika flag. Germanes intervened, and three Czech gendarmes and two Germans were seriously injured, besides several other casualties.—Reuter.

Cabinet May Resign

Prague, Mar. 13. The Czech Cabinet is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m. to-day to discuss the Slovak situation.

Political circles believe that the resignation of several members or even of the entire Cabinet may result either to-night or to-morrow. The new Slovak Minister, M. Sidor, has received a telegram from the Slovak League in the United States signed by Joseph Hasek stating "We strongly recommend a stand against secession. The League stands for federation with the Czechs on grounds of equality.—United Press.

More Serious Turn

Prague, Mar. 13. Indications point to the situation having taken a more serious turn as M. Sidor has temporarily abandoned his projected trip to Prague because of the growing internal difficulties. It is reliably learned that M. Macha, deposed Slovak propagandist chief, was taken from prison to-day for an interview with Mr. Sidor. This interview, as did others, failed to produce any agreement bringing the differences between the moderate radicals and Slovaks. Negotiations are expected to continue throughout the day, but it is regarded as unlikely that the radicals will abandon the demand for an independent Slovak State.—Reuter.

Prague to Protest

Prague, Mar. 13. It is understood that the Government is contemplating making a demarche in Berlin regarding the anti-Czech campaign of the Vienna broadcasting station and certain German newspapers.—Reuter.

SLOVAKS IN AMERICA

Prague, Mar. 13. It is learned that Dr. Hlebek, leader of the Slovaks living in the United States, who visited the Slovaks during the September crisis, has addressed a telegram to Bratislava and Prague to the effect that Slovaks in America unanimously favour the Slovaks remaining members of the Federation and decidedly oppose any separatist movement.—Reuter Special.

Many Possibilities

London, Mar. 13. Press despatches from Central European capitals assess differently the potentialities of the situation.

The Prague correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says there is no reason to believe there has been lessening tension between Berlin and Prague since the week-end. The Times Berlin correspondent says one thing which is clear is that the Reich regards the deposed Tiso Government as the constitutional Government of Slovakia. He adds that most authoritative commentators in Berlin emphasise the point that, in the view of the Reich, the Prague Government's proceedings in Slovakia and Carpatho-Ukraine have reopened the question of the structure of the Czechoslovak State.

The correspondent says further it is being hinted that the Reich may decide to press for conversion of Czechoslovakia into three independent States linked together in a federation, which would undertake to enter into close association with the Reich in matters of foreign and commercial policy. That would meet the demands of the minorities without involving the break up of Czechoslovakia and the complication that would then arise from the Polish demand that Carpatho-Ukraine should be handed over to Hungary.

Grave apprehensions are felt in official circles in Prague that German troops may momentarily occupy Brno in support of the demand that Slovakia be established as an independent State under German protection, says the Prague correspondent of the Herald. If Prague does not give way it is feared that the Germans might march right across the narrow neck of land now

dividing the two halves of Czechoslovakia.

The News Chronicle special correspondent says that Bratislava looks to-day as Berlin and Vienna looked on the eve of a Nationalist Socialist triumph.—Reuter.

Slovakia Makes Gains

Bratislava, Mar. 13. The Czech military to-day saw Slovakia begin to pour into a bad political dream. With Karl Sidor at the moment in the saddle as the strongest man in Slovakia, the military dictatorship seems near to evaporation.

Not only has he apparently persuaded the Prague Government to stop the Chauvinist wing of Czech army officials and politicians, who are determined to impose the Czech will on the Slovaks in matter of what cost, but he also prevented Berlin from acting over strongly to protect the German minority which for months co-operated with the Slovaks in asserting their right to full autonomy and even to sovereign independence.

The Czech army's motorised division rushed to Bratislava on Saturday when the situation was threatening and now it is understood the division has been ordered to turn back while still 30 kilometres from Bratislava.

The majority of the 200 Slovak Nationalists among the members of the Slovak Diet, the Catholic Clergy, the Hlinka Guard and the militia who were arrested on Friday and taken to Moravia, have already been released. Thus the second round in Slovakia's battle of independence, as the first last autumn when the country obtained autonomy in the Federal State, has been won by the Slovaks.—United Press.

Slovakian Precautions

Pressburg, Mar. 13. The Slovak Council held a meeting on Sunday, proclaiming itself in permanent session. The Council decided to considerably sharpen all precautionary and security measures. "All shops, restaurants, theatres and public meeting places must close at 8 p.m.—Trans-Ocean.

German Action Awaited

Berlin, Mar. 13. Germany's next step in the Czechoslovak situation is likely to take the form of very sharp diplomatic representation in Prague, Reuter understands.

The German press has been instructed to concentrate on the arrest of Germans and threats to Germans and German property.

There is an air of expectancy in official circles. Unofficial circles are discussing whether Herr Hitler is not planning one of his swift dramatic moves as he did a year ago. German troops and party organisations are in movement in Austria, but it is explained that this is only in preparation for Wednesday's big military parade in Vienna.—Reuter.

German Hate Campaign

Berlin, Mar. 13. In contrast to the growing optimism reported from Prague, Berlin continues to take a serious view of the Slovak situation.

Inspired German comment has been growing more severe in the last two days in criticism of the Czechs. The bitterness of the anti-Czech press comment makes observers wonder whether the campaign is intended to pave the way for intervention, diplomatic or otherwise.

A full dress German attempt to bring Prague into line once and for all was under way to-day as the Nazi press revived last summer's hate campaign. Among other demands which the Reich considered justified was denunciation of the Russian alliance and adherence to the anti-Comintern pact.

In the mysterious Slovak crisis, which is by no means clear owing to lack of evidence just where Germany stands, the Reich has found the opportunity to revive the cry of "Czech oppression," and bring pressure to bear on Prague for the first time since the Munich agreement to establish order and take her allotted place in the German scheme of things in Central Europe.—United Press.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others? wlgwam volioled will-o-the-whisp osculate English Oxford Dictionary spelling of these words will be found on page 9.

Refugee Ship Aground

London, Mar. 13. A steamer which is carrying 700 Jewish emigrants is reported to have run aground off the island of Crete.

A message from Bucharest says that 110 passengers who embarked at the Rumanian port of Constantia had been promised that they would be smuggled into Palestine. After sailing a number of days vainly off the coast of Palestine they have now been taken off the stranded steamer.—Reuter Bulletin.

Soviet-Russia

POLICY IS MADE CLEAR

Congress Statement

London, Mar. 13. The fight against capitalism and Fascism by mobilisation of Marxist movement in all countries will continue to govern the foreign policy of the Comintern, declared M. Manuilski, Chairman of the Soviet delegation in the Executive Committee of the Comintern, in an address delivered before the Communist Party Congress now in session here.

Since the last Congress in 1935 the number of professed Communists in all countries excepting the Soviet Union had grown by 340,000 to 1,200,000. This did not include Communist youth organisations abroad whose membership had increased to 760,000.

The Comintern had, therefore, he said, an army of 2,000,000 organised members abroad and a potential strength to date, if one included the mass of unorganised communists, of 15 to 20 times this figure.

Spain had provided the biggest increase, although the French Communist Party had in the last five years increased its membership from 40,000 to 270,000 and could not count on 1,500,000 supporters at poll.

The Communist Party in the United States had grown until it was five times what it was in the year 1935.

The Comintern, he declared, would conduct a more active policy in future. Increased pressure would be exerted on the democratic Powers, notably England, France and the United States.—Trans-Ocean.

India

Princes And Rulers Study Problems

New Delhi, Mar. 13. The Viceroy, Lord Linlithgow, at the annual meeting of the Council of Princes, urged the rulers of the States to make it their constant care to watch and remedy legitimate grievances in the administrative field. He said that no-one has succeeded in devising a more satisfactory method in dealing with the problem of the Indian States than the federation scheme.

Fifty princes and ruling chiefs attended the meeting.—Reuter Special.

things in Central Europe.—United Press.

Dr. Tiso for Berlin

Berlin, Mar. 13. The ex-Premier, Dr. Tiso, and M. Ducasovsky are expected to arrive by plane this afternoon at the Berlin airport, Tempelhof, where it is understood they will be officially received by Baron Doernberg.

This official reception of the Slovak Ministers dismissed by Prague confirms the view clearly expressed by all German papers that the Czech President had no right to dismiss the Slovak Ministers, and that their dismissal was a violation of the constitution.—Trans-Ocean.

Invited by Hitler

Berlin, Mar. 13. Dr. Tiso, dismissed Slovak Prime Minister, left by train for Berlin to-day at the express invitation of Herr Hitler. The journey is being made with the knowledge of the Central and Slovak Government.—Reuter.

Hitler Stands By

Berlin, Mar. 13. Herr Hitler did not leave for Vienna as expected for the Anschluss celebrations. It is believed in political circles that the change of plans was connected with the events in Slovakia. Such headlines as "Shocking Czech Terror, Nineteen Dead in Slovakia" show the excitement in this morning's press.—Reuter.

Week-End Snow Causes Deaths

New York, Mar. 13. During the week-end snow and sleet caused six deaths, grounded all aeroplanes and endangered the highways. A 200 mile wide steel belt, bordered by snow on one side and rain on the other, extended from Chicago to the East Coast. Sudden floods were caused in Nebraska, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio owing to the melting snow, highways and lowlands being inundated and bridges wrecked. The authorities along the Ohio and Missouri Rivers stated that there was, however, no danger of a serious flood.—United Press.

In Memory Of Dr. Sun Yat-sen

Chungking Ceremony

Chungking, Mar. 13. The 14th anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Father of the Chinese Republic, was solemnly observed by Chinese throughout the country yesterday.

Mass meetings were held in practically all cities, including Chungking, Chengtu, Kweiyang, Wuchow, Kunming, Changsha, Yunnanling, Hengyang, Nanchang, Shanghai, Loyang, Sian and Lanchow.

In Chungking the occasion was observed by the government leaders at a memorial service held at the auditorium of the National Government Headquarters. More than 400 people, including Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, were present, with Chairman Lin Sen officiating. Mr. Chu Cheng, President of the Judicial Yuan, spoke on how to perpetuate the memory of Dr. Sun by furthering the war of resistance.

Despite Japanese control, the Chinese in Shanghai fittingly commemorated the occasion. All Chinese shops in the International Settlement and the French Concession half-masted their National Flags, and several amusement establishments voluntarily suspended business for one day. At noon, all the Chinese in the city observed a three-minute silence as a token of mourning for the late Dr. Sun and the fallen heroes in the present war.

At Chengtu, Yunnanling, Sian and Lanchow, a publicity week for the second phase of the war was launched yesterday along with the commemoration.

Dr. Sun's death anniversary being also named by the National Government as National Arbor Day, trees were planted yesterday following the memorial services.—Central News.

Message by Chiang

Chungking, Mar. 13. The general spiritual mobilisation of the Chinese nation began yesterday.

In a message to the people, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek declared the commencement of the spiritual preparedness of the nation "on the most solemn occasion of the fourteenth anniversary of the death of the late Founder of the Chinese Republic and the Kuomintang Party, Leader in which the overwhelming strength of the spiritual was emphasised, and declared that he clearly recognises that the spiritual mobilisation of the people is the base on which the re-building of a new army and a new nation, and victory, should rest."

The Generalissimo referred to the Japanese aggression and explained how far short of its ultimate goal the Chinese national revolution still falls. The reason lay in the fact that the Chinese did not keep their spiritual strength awake, or that, despite temporary exertions, they lacked perseverance and constant exertion.

The Generalissimo pointed out that the mad idea of corrupting the integrity of the Chinese people is still being toyed in Japan. The existence of this idea itself, he said, should be deemed as an impeachment of the spiritual solidarity of the Chinese nation.

From now on, with the commencement of the general mobilisation, Generalissimo Chiang said, all the people must help develop the revolutionary spirit as exemplified by the late Party Leader for the eventual re-birth of the nation.

The triple guiding principles of the people, he said, should be nation and race over all, military and victory first and foremost, and ideas and ideals in unison.—Central News.

MARRIAGE STAGE

WAKENDA, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll Holloway began their married life 65 years ago with a Bible, a feather bed, a frying pan, an axe and a shotgun. They still have all the articles, and believe that most young couples would get along all right if they could start out with such a stake.

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RECORDS TOPPLE IN FIFTH CRICKET TEST MATCH

M.C.C. WELL ON WAY TO GREAT PERFORMANCE

EDRICH MAKES AMENDS FOR PAST FAILURES

The M.C.C. tourists in South Africa are well on the way to putting up the highest score ever made in a fourth innings. Set to make 696 in order to win in the Final Test, now being played at Durban, the English cricketers had scored 496 for the loss of only three wickets at close of play yesterday, and now need only 200 runs with seven wickets in hand.

As it is, the M.C.C. have already broken the record fourth innings total in a Test, 411 made by England against Australia at Sydney in the 1924-25 series—in spite of this England lost by 193 runs—but they are still 76 behind the 572 made by New South Wales against South Australia at Sydney in the 1907-8 season.

Durban, Mar. 13. A record partnership in Test matches between England and South Africa was established by Gibb and Edrich to-day when they brought the M.C.C. second innings score in the Final Test to 333 for 1 at lunch time. The previous record was held by Sutcliffe and Tyldesley, whose partnership at Johannesburg in the 1927-28 tour produced 230 runs.

It was a glorious wicket which was rolled out well although slightly worn in spots, when the spectators began to gather this morning. Walter Hammond, M.C.C. captain, was in no mood to take any chances and warned the spectators through a loudspeaker not to approach the wicket, which showed signs of cracking.

The batsmen were very slow at the start, only nine runs being scored in 30 minutes.

Gibb reached his century in 362 minutes and he had then hit a five and two fours.

It took 310 minutes of batting to bring the total to 301. The partnership yielded 200 in 244 minutes. Gibb had then scored 105 and Edrich 128. Edrich was in great form and delighted the spectators with his grand driving. He punished all except Langton, who kept a good length.

When the lunch adjournment came the score was 333 for 1. Gibb had 112 to his credit and Edrich 162, which included 17 fours.

There was a crowd of 3,000 when the match was resumed. After adding 25 runs to the total Gibb was topped by Dalton, a top spinner taking his middle stump, 358 for 2.

Gibb made 120 in a solid innings lasting 451 minutes. The partnership yielded 200 runs, which was the biggest in the British-South African Tests, beating the feat of Hobbs and Sutcliffe of 206 at Lord's in 1924.

Edrich with crisp driving sent three to the boundary. His total at the tea interval was 215, including 23 fours. Hammond, who joined Edrich, had 34, with the total at 442 for 2.

W. J. Edrich, who had failed so often in the past in Test matches, jumped into his best form in this Test, and took his Friday's score of 107 to 219, before being dismissed yesterday.

Edrich's great innings terminated shortly after tea. He was caught at silly leg by Gordon, who dived low to make the catch, off Langton's bowling. The score stood at 447.

Edrich had made amends at last for his many past failures. He scored 219 in a brilliant innings, which occupied 430 minutes. He gave no chance at all during all this time and featured his play with sound on driving. He hit 25 fours. Hammond reached his 50 in 132 minutes, hitting three fours. He and Paynter were very cautious in poor light and stumps were drawn with the English total at 496 for

three wickets, Hammond having 58 not out and Paynter 24 not out.

Scores:
South Africa—First Innings ... 530
Second Innings ... 481
M.C.C.—First Innings ... 310
M.C.C.—2ND INNS.
Hutton, b Mitchell ... 55
Gibb, b Dalton ... 120
Edrich, c Gordon, b Langton ... 219
Hammond, not out ... 58
Paynter, not out ... 24
Extras ... 20

Total (for 3 wks.) ... 496

Full of wickets:—1 (Hutton) for 88; 2 (Gibb) for 358; 3 (Edrich) for 447.

CAHN'S TOURISTS

Wellington, Mar. 13. The cricket Test between New Zealand and Sir Julien Cahn's XI was reduced to one day owing to rain.

New Zealand declared at 170 for 5, Wallace being 54 not out. Onley 35 and Whitelaw 25 were in the opening partnership which produced 50. Walsh took 4 for 57.

The tourists scored 103 for 7. Dempster made 44. Oldfield, 42 not out, and Watts, 32, made 70 between them for the sixth wicket. Cowie took 3 for 46.—Reuter.

Tennis Programme For To-day

If the ground is in a fit state for play, the tennis championships at the Hongkong C.C. will be resumed this afternoon. There has been no play since Thursday.

The programme arranged for to-day is as follows:

Open Singles
S. W. Liang v. N. A. E. Mackay
F. H. Kwok v. P. S. Leong
Lui Chun-cheong v. C. R. Bax
T. A. Pearce v. W. K. Ma

Open Doubles
Chan Kam-moon v. I. M. A. Razack
and Wong Fuk-nam v. A. R. Ming
S. A. Rumjahn v. Lee Wal-long
and H. D. and in Tak-cheuk
J. W. Leonard v. Paul Kong
and George Chao v. B. Szeto

Manchester City Defeated

London, Mar. 13. In the second division of the English Football League, Millwall, at home, to-day defeated Manchester City by three goals to one.—Reuter.



Muddy, dishevelled but triumphant, the Police "Sevens" rugby team posed for this picture after beating P. and O. Building and Another in the final of the Seven-a-Side Tournament at Happy Valley on Saturday. Left to right: B. C. Fay, L. Oakley, G. S. Wilson (Capt.), Sgt. Ridley, D. H. Taylor, E. W. Luscombe, L. A. Searle, H. W. E. Heath and Dr. J. A. R. Selby (Referee).—Photo by Mee Cheung.

Clare Head Of River For First Time

London, Feb. 10. The Lent races concluded at Cam-bridge yesterday when there was a very good attendance on the towing path, particularly in the vicinity of Ditton.

The day's bumps totalled 25, making a grand total of 102 for the four days. Clare remained head of the river, a position they have never reached before, and gained their ears. Other crews to gain their ears by going up four or more places were Trinity Hall, Magdalene, King's, Emmanuel III, and Sidney Sussex III. The head of the river crew are F. H. Jackson (bow), W. S. Hacking, P. A. J. Lewis, D. E. Stevenson, R. A. Peckles-Brown, W. M. Turnbull, M. L. Quartermine, G. N. Borton (stroke), and F. E. Whipp (cox).

Following the time-honoured customs, the coxswain was thrown into the river when the crew returned to their boatshouse.

Five bumps were made in the top division yesterday, and Clare retained head without any difficulty. Jesus were some distance away but were in no great danger from Pembroke, who were bumped by Trinity Hall at the Glasshouse after a splendid race. Lady Margaret bumped Selwyn quite early at First Post Corner, but Jesus II had to go right on for a railway bridge before reaching First Trinity.

St. Catharine's and Christ's rowed over well apart, but Corpus Christi were unable to withstand a strong challenge from the victorious Magdalene, who bumped them at Ditton Corner and gained their ears. Queen's and Emmanuel had a splendid race over the later stages of the course, but no bump was recorded. King however, who had bowed in the previous division, did well to bump Calus at First Post Corner and gain their ears.

Rugby League Cup Draw

London, Mar. 13. The draw of the Rugby League Cup semi-finals resulted as follows: Halifax or Wakefield v. Leeds. Salford v. Wigan. These matches will be played on April 1.—Reuter.

Here And There With "Abe"

Police Rugger Seven Win In Their Second Attempt

In their second attempt, the Police rugger players on Saturday were able to walk off with the Blarney Stone Shield in the Seven-a-Side Tournament at Happy Valley, beating the P. and O. Building and Another in the final by 8-3. While it is true that this is only the second year in which they have competed in the Tournament, some of their players have been playing rugger in the Colony for quite a long time.

G. S. Wilson, H. W. E. Heath and E. W. Luscombe, for instance, have been turning out for the Club since more or less regularly during the last couple of seasons, but B. C. Fay, L. A. Searle, D. H. Taylor and L. Oakley are playing their first season of rugger in Hongkong, though, judging by their displays since the Police were able to field a full-fledged team some weeks ago, they must have had a great deal of experience of the game at home. There is no doubt that the Police seven, who were extremely well-balanced, fully deserved their victory; yet it was a pity that B. C. Fay had the misfortune of losing a leg. Brown, their full-back, so shortly after the commencement of the game in the final. With Brown in the side, the P. and O. would have had a great chance of romping home, for in W. E. Griev and L. D. Bidwell they had the most dangerous pair of three-quarters in the Tournament. But with Brown out of the team, Bidwell had to concentrate more on defence and his effectiveness in attack was thus necessarily reduced.

Well-Matched

But if Bidwell's attacking opportunities were few, he was kept busy in defence by the many breakaways of Wilson and Taylor, the Police backs. In the final match, the Police rugger correspondent, "Fly-Half," remarked yesterday, "It is doubtful whether Wilson has ever played better rugger in Hongkong than he did on Saturday. It was he who started many of the Police movements. But if he started them, it was Taylor who finished them. The latter, weighing over 15 stone, possessing a very long stride and a vicious hand-off, was a most difficult man to stop. Whenever he was in possession, the Police always seemed likely to score. The only man who could cope with him was Bidwell, who tackled extremely well throughout the whole afternoon. On at least two occasions when Taylor seemed certain of scoring, Bidwell crashed into him in the only effective manner—low and hard—and was able to prevent a score. Nevertheless right to the end, Taylor was the Policemen's main hope, and he justified their confidence by scoring the winning try.

Splendid Record

HAD P. and O. won the Blarney Stone Shield, W. E. Peers, a member of the team, would have improved on a record which is already very difficult indeed to equal, and set a new one from 1932, when the "Seven-a-Side" Tournament was instituted. All 1938, the Blarney Stone Shield had been won every year, except 1934, by a Club team; and Peers was a member of every

Hockey

R. Engineers Beaten By Macao XI

Macao, March 12. A very interesting game of hockey was played here this afternoon between the Royal Engineers and Macao's 2nd eleven. Much enthusiasm was evidenced throughout and at the close of play the score was four goals to one in favour of Macao.

Macao's forward line was particularly conspicuous and Goncalves and Silva worked well together. Play was extremely fast from the outset with the local forwards pressing. Borges registered in the 10th minute. Thereafter, Macao's superiority was more marked. Borges was responsible for the next goal, and G. Silva netted the third. Before the interval, Goncalves made a spectacular break-through to score.

The Engineers were seen more to advantage in the second half, Croston, pivot, and Shaw shone in defence. The ball was kept mostly in Macao territory and the Engineers seemed to be attacking mainly from the right flank. Macao's custodian, Sarmiento, was kept busy but he proved equal to the situation. Five minutes before the final whistle, the Engineers scored through Fishlock.

Royal Engineers: Heath; Saxby, Whitaker; Shaw, Croston (Capt.), Bowling; Fishlock, Denyer, Elsiey, Homburg, Fox.

Macao: Sarmiento; Baslo, V. Rosario; Noronha, J. Silva, Bantista; Borges, G. Silva, Goncalves (Capt.), Angelo, C. Rosario.

OTHER MATCHES

A match was played on Friday, March 10, between H.M.S. Cleland and Macao's second division, the result being six goals to nil for Macao. The Cleland's soccer team engaged a local team yesterday.

The hockey match which had been scheduled to be played here this

Badminton

St. Andrew's Lose Hopes Of Winning Title

St. Andrew's "A" lost all hopes of winning the "B" Division Badminton Championship last evening when, playing against St. John's on the latter's court, they were defeated by 8-3.

This defeat of St. Andrew's "A" means that Chung Wab, with only two defeats against them, should win the League Championship as they have only five more comparatively easy matches to play.

St. Andrew's "B" were beaten once again last night, losing to Club de Recreio by 8-1.

Scores:
ST. ANDREWS "B" v. RECREIO
C. C. Pereira and C. Marques (Recreio) lost to S. Darby and L.

Only One Badminton Match To-day

Only one match is down for decision in the Open Badminton Championships at Taikoo this evening.

The tie is in the doubles in which P. S. Sun and M. S. Lim will meet D. and F. H. Kwok, starting at 8 p.m.

The Senior Singles match between M. A. Oliveira and K. L. Yong, originally fixed to be played off this evening as well, has been postponed to next Tuesday.

Gibson 14-21; beat W. Knox and S. A. Broadbridge 24-20; beat J. Tomlinson and L. Avery 21-14.

A. E. Xavier and J. Fonseca (Recreio) beat Darby and Gibson 21-14; beat Knox and Broadbridge 24-10; beat Tomlinson and Avery 21-15.

J. de Sousa and P. Yvanovich (Recreio) beat Darby and Gibson 21-13; beat Knox and Broadbridge 21-10; beat Tomlinson and Avery 21-5.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
St. John's	18	13	5	103	39	20
St. Andrew's	14	11	3	88	30	22
Chung Wah	13	11	2	78	39	22
K. Tong "A"	15	11	4	80	53	22
Recreio	10	8	7	78	68	10
Vanderers	14	7	7	68	60	14
K. Tong "B"	12	4	8	45	45	8
V.R.C.	13	4	9	41	76	8
St. Andrew's "B"	13	1	12	10	0	2
S. and S. Home	14	1	13	17	100	2

PERRY BEATEN

Boston, Mar. 13. Donald Budge, American tennis player, has beaten Fred Perry in a straight set victory for the second time. The scores were 6-0, 6-2, 6-0.—United Press.

afternoon between Macao's 1st eleven and the All India team from Hongkong was unavoidably postponed owing to the indisposition of four of Macao's players.—Our Own Correspondent.

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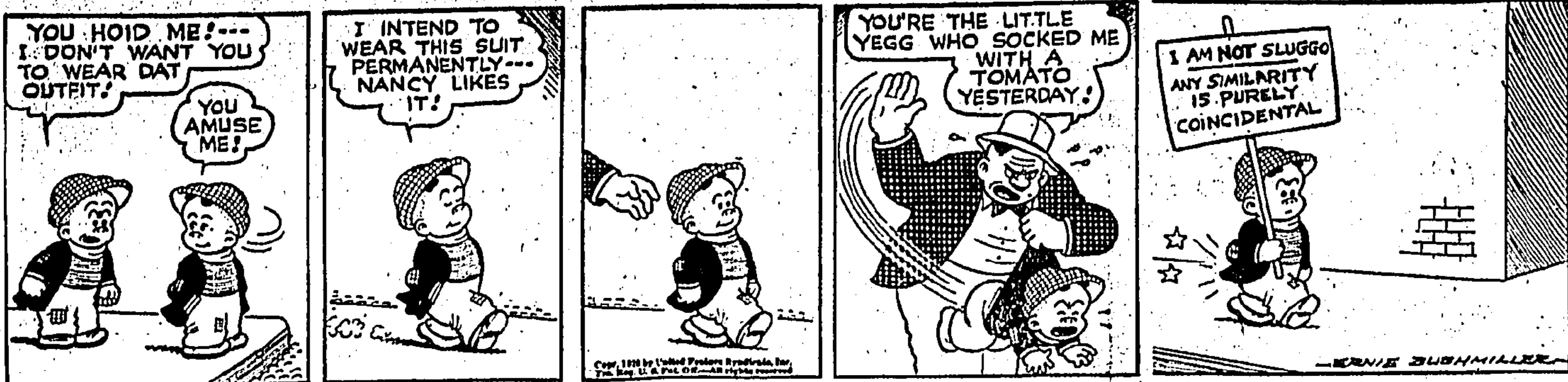
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STANDARD OF RUGBY AT HOME DECLINES

NEW INSPIRATION IS NEEDED: AUSTRALIANS MAY SUPPLY A TONIC

London, Feb. 8.

International games played already this season have revealed the unfortunate fact that Rugby football has declined. This was the fear when England beat Wales at Twickenham: it was emphasised when Wales beat Scotland.

New inspiration is needed. The standard of club football has deteriorated, and that, of course, is reflected in the international arena. Perhaps the visit of the Australians next season may start a new fashion and furnish a new impulse.

Old players in Wales are not shy to say that half the players in Welsh first-class Rugby to-day would have been unable to find places in the leading teams pre-war.

Present-day lack of Rugby knowledge and lack of adaptability are two of the big handicaps. A third is that insufficient time is given to training, and to discussion of tactics. The home countries are badly in need of the spur of outside teams—the urge to excel which French clubs and international tours used to inspire.

It is a striking fact that since games with France were forbidden we have had no commendable new tactics in Rugby football, in England, Ireland or Wales.

NO NEW TACTICS

Clubs and players drift along in the old style on the old lines. Players have not found a solution to ease the situation.

Last season, and again in the international already played, there has been dissatisfaction regarding the play at the scrummage. Will nothing be done now to simplify matters in this respect so that the pin pricks which start so much unpleasantness can be removed?

The attendance at club games in Wales this season have shown quite plainly that the man-in-the-street is not going to attend Rugby games unless an effort is made to provide him with the entertainment for which he pays.

The day is gone for preaching that Rugby football in Wales is an amateur game primarily indulged in by it men for the enjoyment they get out of it.

Amateur Rugby is a business: it cannot now cease to be a business unless the governing body leads a campaign for a completely new outlook, in which the constitution of the Union itself is placed upon a different footing.

Under the present constitution the votes of the older clubs, with big memberships and responsibility of running six, eight, or even 11 teams, count no more in nominating

county representatives on the Union, than those of newly-formed clubs with comparatively few members, and who run only one team in very junior circles.

A number of such organisations could, if they wished, swamp the votes of their seniors and do incalculable harm to the game.

The interests of these clubs who are part and parcel of Rugby, must be safeguarded, and although the question bristles with difficulties, it should not be impossible to evolve a scheme that would be more satisfactory than the present one.

MORE SHOULD BE MADE

Players everywhere are keen on resuming matches with French clubs. The Rugby Union cannot act independently of the other home unions, but there is a growing demand that someone should make a move in the matter.

As far as we know nothing is being done and clubs are entitled to ask, as they are doing, what steps are being taken by the unions to carry out the latter part of the resolution, passed as long ago as 1931, breaking off relations with France.

This reads "unless and until we are satisfied that the control and conduct of the game (in France) has been placed on a satisfactory basis in all essentials."

We are constantly being assured, by officials of the union that the game is for the player. In this respect at least the wishes of the player are being disregarded in a way that denies such sentiments.

THE SCRUMMAGE LAW

A general desire also exists for a simplification of the scrummage law. To this the Rugby Union are certainly lending a sympathetic ear, but the three years' truce between the four unions has not yet expired. When it does, whatever alteration is desired must be passed by the International Board, the combined organ of whose 10 members aggregate round about 700 years.

Why, once nominated to a seat on the board, one should remain there for life is another point that gives rise to righteous discontent.

SPORT ADVTs

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 18th March, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$3.00 for Gentlemen and \$2.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794), will close at 12 Noon.

Timings are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21230).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order, G. B. BROWN, Secretary

Hongkong, 13th March, 1939.

INDOOR BOWLING

Ewo League Match Played At Alleys Last Night

At the Hongkong Bowling Alleys last evening the "Rollers" beat "Pooklum's Pride" by 41 points in an Ewo League match. It was a close contest with the issue in doubt until the last frame.

Scores:

"Pooklum's Pride"

F. Angus	110	141	125	382
M. Weil	115	101	147	363
A. H. Potts	124	89	89	322
L. Well	98	104	109	311
Total				1,378

"Rollers"

C. Guttinger	159	110	178	445
S. A. Tremlett	123	113	95	331
J. Dubois	108	108	108	322
A. A. Hutchison	119	81	122	321
Total				1,410

Referees' Meeting

The regular half-monthly meeting of the Hongkong Referees' Association was held yesterday in the Football Association rooms, the Bank of Canton Building. Routine business was conducted.

Mr. R. M. Omar was in the Chair, and it was unanimously agreed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr. Goss, Hon. Secretary of the Association, in his recent bereavement.



Kay Francis' latest heart throb is little Dickie Moore, who plays her son in "My Bill" now showing at the King's Theatre. It is a tender story of family life.

TENNIS "OPEN" IN 5 YEARS' TIME

Tilden Prophesies The End Of Wimbledon

London, Feb. 15.

W. T. Tilden, former Wimbledon champion, gives amateur tennis "five more years to live" as now constituted. After that, he considers an open championship between amateurs and professionals must come.

"All the great players are gradually drawing away from the amateur game," he said yesterday. "The time will come when there are none left to attract the crowds. With no gate money-spinners left, there will have to be an open championship."

Tilden, who is competing in a professional tournament at Wimbledon next month, hinted that if the authorities refused to listen to professionals now, the professionals might refuse when the question of their competing against amateurs came to a head.

Geoffrey Simpson, sports writer of the Daily Mail, makes the following comments:

So Tilden thinks that we may say goodbye to Wimbledon, the Davis Cup and all that in five years, unless the ruling bodies agree to link up with him and the other star professionals and run open tournaments.

He may be right—one can never tell. Most people agree that the authorities are performing the King Canute act with the Bland refusal to face facts which is so typical. But I think we have to watch this implied threat with some care. Granted that many amateurs to-day are at least partly subsidised, it is a fact that amateur lawn tennis is 100 per cent. "on the up-and-up," as they say.

There are no arranged victories—they are just unthinkable. There are suspensions, however, that some professional tours and tournaments have been staged deliberately to produce a spectacle and advance publicity for the next show.

Suppose our leading professionals did something of the kind at a Wimbledon Open? That would kill tennis as dead as yesterday's mutton.

QUESTIONS

If recognition were given, moreover, would it mean that all leading amateurs, and especially those now subsidised, would immediately want a pay envelope?

Would it mean that in every wretched little country tournament every wretched little racket "man" would be a racketeer? Might it mean the end of amateur tennis altogether? Let's think that over, too.

If our professionals are going to be so strong in five years' time might they not start to "pick up" the big tournaments which produce the money for less attractive but more constructive ventures?

And if the professionals became so important as Tilden suggests, would it mean the end of the Davis Cup, which would sink in importance just as amateur football did with the advent of professionalism? Do we want that?

NO GUARANTEE

What guarantee have we that the professionals will "raise the sport to a higher standard"? Of what? How do we know that professional tennis won't be dead in five years? It isn't so terribly prosperous anywhere outside America, and even there only in exhibition tours.

Then their tennis authorities are clever, they will step in and control all professional play, including exhibitions. They will bind them down firmly to their laws and create a position so that those laws cannot be broken with impunity.

Then they can perhaps go ahead with their Wimbledon Open. Run properly, it would undoubtedly be a great attraction.

University Win Badminton Tie

University beat Tai Koo 4-0 in the mixed doubles section of the Badminton League last night.

Scores:

P. K. Hul and Miss J. Choo beat A. Keown and Miss Summers 21-11, beat R. Main and Miss G. Cunningham 23-20, beat B. Pecker and Mrs. Main 21-3.

C. K. Lee and Miss K. J. Hung beat Keown and Miss Summers 21-5, beat Main and Miss Cunningham 21-13, beat Pecker and Mrs. Main 21-8.

P. S. Bun and Miss J. Anderson beat Keown and Miss Summers 21-5, beat Main and Miss Cunningham 21-13, beat Pecker and Mrs. Main 21-8.

OUR APPELLING BEE (see page 1) wigwags volatiles—will of the wisp—volleyed oscillate—oscillate.

HYAMS TOO FAST FOR McGRORY

Former Title-Holder Beaten On Points

London, Feb. 21.

Tommy Hyams, the King's Cross light-weight, gave one of the best displays of his long career when outpointing Johnny McGrory (Glasgow), former British and Empire feather-weight champion, in one of six eight-round contests at the National Sporting Club, Earls Court, last night.

McGrory was never given a chance to settle down and set himself for a damaging attack. Hyams adopted terrier-like tactics, and was always forcing the pace.

Two-handed attacks to the body upset the Scot in the early stages, and he was forced on the defensive, with the result that there was a lot of close-quarter work, and Referee Teddy Waltham was kept busy separating the men.

LONDONER MASTER

McGrory scored an occasional right cross to the head as Hyams rushed in, but generally the Londoner was master of the situation. He varied his work cleverly and jarred the Scot several times with hooks to the jaw.

Hyams seemed likely to lose the initiative in the fourth round, during which McGrory put in his best efforts and was definitely on top, but the Londoner came up strong for the next session, and quickly recovered any ground he had lost.

McGrory tried hard to find an opening for a changing blow, but Hyams was always a little too clever for him, and secured a well-earned decision.

EFFICIENT SUBSTITUTE

Frank Parkes, the young Nottingham butcher, who holds the Midland Area feather-weight title, proved an efficient substitute for Billy Walker (Stratford) when he beat Johnny McManus (Glasgow) in the final session of their encounter.

Referee Moss Devoy wisely ended what had been something of a one-sided battle, to save the Scot from further needless punishment. Parkes was far too clever for a slow opponent, and he scored with a freedom that was remarkable in view of the Scot's record.

McManus had little of the snap and precision of former occasions, and he was an easy target for his nippy and workmanlike opponent.

Had Parkes possessed anything like a damaging punch he would have won in much quicker time. McManus was game and willing, but his judgment was bad and his defence weak.

YACHTING RACE

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club held the seventh women's second series yesterday over a distance of 8.2 miles for "A" class yachts, starting at 14.45. Results:

Yacht	Finished	Pos	Pts
Kittiwake	16.14.22	1	14
(Miss P. M. King)			
Jean	16.14.31	2	13
(Mrs. V. G. G. G. G.)			
Isobel	16.15.00	3	11
(Mrs. F. M. Morris)			
La Linda	16.16.27	4	10
(Mrs. M. I. Johnston)			
Redbank	16.19.23	5	9
(Mrs. M. N. Luce)			
Arimis	D. N. F.		
Koala	D. N. F.		

ICE HOCKEY THRILLS

Two Spectators Succumb To Over-Excitement

Montreal, Mar. 12.

Two middle-aged ice hockey fans died to-day while watching the Montreal Royals defeat the Ottawa Senators by 5-1 in a match which decided the winners of the Quebec senior hockey title.

The victims were Henry Varin, 33, who collapsed in the first period, and Henry Tardif, 48, who died near the end of the game. Both tragedies are attributed to heart-attack caused by over-excitement—United Press.

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Keates was despatched at 8.46 a.m. by Messrs. Ng Chung and Leung Yee-ye, timekeepers, and made a slow start on Slipper roads, using a 74" fixed gear. The first 5 miles were covered 17.42, and 17 1/2 miles were travelled in the initial hour. At Kam-lin, a time of 1.21.16 was returned, no less than 10.34 slower than the recent leading rider at this point in the recent Tourist Time Trial. From Kam-lin, Keates showed a continual and increasing gain on previous figures, and the finishing check was passed in 1.52.07, only 1.37 behind the trial leader's time at the check. The second hour produced 17 1/2 miles and left 15 1/2 miles to be covered in the remaining hour. Keates had scheduled.

Hitherto the mist and light rain kept the rider in a fresh condition, but the roads were fast drying between Fanling and the finish. Continuing his steady 17-18 m.p.h. on level, and ascending the long arduous climbs from Taiipo and Shatin at over 15 m.p.h. Keates left little doubt as to the result, and was no less than 28.13 faster than the recent trial winner at the termination of his ride.

Messrs. Gibbs and Stubbs observed the rider in the early stages, whilst the brothers Remedios (the younger of whom rode such an excellent race at last week's track event) were also witnesses of the ride. Times taken at the 5-miles points were as follows: the section time being given in brackets—5 miles—17.42; 10—34.33 (10.51); 15—51.28 (10.58); 20—1.08.06 (10.38); 25—1.22.05 (17.53); 30—1.42.10 (17.01); 35—2.00.12 (18.02); 40—2.18.18 (18.00); 45—2.35.52 (18.34); and 50—2.55.26 (18.34).

Hongkong Cycling Club competitors finished 1st, 3rd and 4th in the 6,000 metres event promoted by St. Joseph's College at Caroline Hill on March 9. The winner, Keates, passed the 12th lap and changed machines twice before crossing the line a half-length ahead of R. Remedios whilst Ng Chung obtained third place after a fall. A gear of 66" was used by the winner.

The next event being arranged by the Hongkong Cycling Club will be a hill-climb of approximately 800 yards, and will be open to Chinese riders only. Four prizes are being awarded to the fastest competitors. Training for the event will commence on Wednesday, March 15, intending competitors being invited to meet at the Methodist Church, Hennessy Road, Wanchai, at 6 p.m. An early start will be made for next Sunday's outing, which is scheduled to leave the Alhambra Theatre at 8 a.m.

BRAWN CUP TEAM

The following will represent the Central British Association in a Brawn Cup hockey match against the Diocesan Girls' School at 8.20 p.m. to-day for the School grounds: Mr. Parnall, Mr. Macdonald, and Mr. MacLennan. A. Webb, V. Brown, and J. Louie.

ADAMSON CUP GOLF

Draw For Competition At Happy Valley

S. T. Butlin, with a score of 83-12-71, qualified in the Adamson Cup March Qualifying Round at Happy Valley, played during March 5 and 12.

The first round draw of the match play stages is as follows:

F. Buckle v. T. D. Paton; S. T. Butlin v. A. I. Burnie; H. Smith v. G. T. May; J. Stenerson v. E. Tuck. Matches are to be played on the mornings of the following dates (or by mutual consent on earlier dates): First round on or before April 2. Semi-finals on or before April 16. Final on or before April 30.

The first name in each bracket is responsible for making arrangements.

Fanling Bogey Pool

The Fanling Bogey (Far) Pool, played on the Old Course over the week-end was won by W. J. E. Mackenzie (18) 2 up. Other scores were M. G. Carruthers (24) and A. C. I. Bowker (10) all square. There were 32 entries.

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LOOK around you and you'll agree with me that women are growing taller. Outdoor sports and physical culture are mainly responsible, but even those who dislike games are adding inches to their height because of that daily dozen which they mustn't neglect if they are to keep slim and youthful figures.

Being too tall, however, is almost worse than being too short; men usually have a protective instinct towards five feet and under, but a woman who appears to tower over them—well...

If you are as "tall as a lamp-post" don't indulge in self pity; here are a few tips to help you to cut your height.

Bold Contrasts

Firstly, fashion is all on your side just now. Bold, colourful contrasts and large, dashing plaids are your very own. You can afford to have plenty of pockets, to wear sporty scarves and wide belts.

Your suit should consist of a checked coat and a plain skirt, and with the jacket wear a wide patent leather belt.

Tight for the country, yet smart enough for town, is No. 1240, consisting of a plaid coat shown on the dress to be worn beneath is shown on the right.

Seven-Eighths Coat

If you want to cut your height

further make this coat seven-eighths instead of full length. Costume coats are a little longer than last season, which is all to the good. The jacket of No. 1241 is buttoned fairly high, and can be worn with or without a belt.

CANINE PETS AS FASHION LEADERS

THE fashionable woman in Paris has decided that no outfit is complete without a well-groomed dog on the end of a smart lead.

Poodles are having "heavy competition in popularity from Kerry blue terriers, cocker spaniels, wire-haired terriers, and Pekingese.

So, in Paris now you first choose your dog, and then you arrange your wardrobe to fit in with it. For instance, plaids, tam-o'-shanters, and killed skirts are the obvious things to go with a Highland terrier; one woman, in a high-class restaurant, was carrying a Peking in exactly the same colour as her beige suit and coat, with which she wore scarlet accessories.

But this liking for dogs is not only a fashion fad. French women take

Useful To Know

WHEN sauce goes lumpy in the making, don't beat it with a wooden spoon, but whisk with an egg whisk until the lumps disappear. Then, for safety's sake, strain the sauce before serving.

If a sauce gets too thick add water, never milk.

When old potatoes are a bad lot, add the juice of half a lemon to the water as they boil. This will make them white and give them a pleasant flavour.

If the potatoes "boil into the water," drain them well, crush, add a little butter and seasoning, and shape into balls. Coat these with egg and bread crumbs, and fry in deep fat. A little cheese may be added if liked. You then serve the "fritters" as a dressed vegetable, and win approval.

If you find a joint under-done towards the middle, you can re-cook it the following day by putting it in a large saucepan with a little of its own dripping. Cover the saucepan and cook slowly for about half-an-hour. It will be like a freshly roasted joint, and you will have hot meat twice instead of hot followed by cold.

If soup, gravy, or vegetables are too salt, stir in a little sugar and the dish becomes palatable again.

When short of a basin for making a steamed pudding, try making it in a stone jar. Grease the inside well and leave plenty of room for the pudding to rise. Tie a grease-proof paper over the top and stand it in the saucepan. The pudding will turn out a neat roll, very easy to serve.

When short of flour for cake making, rolled oats may be used, but a little more liquid will be required.

If boiled fish breaks as you are dishing it, flake well and season, then serve in scallop shells or individual dishes, coated with the sauce you have already made. It makes a world of difference to its appearance.

If a jelly is not quite firm when required, whisk it well and serve in sundae glasses, topped with whipped cream.

G. C.

Date And Walnut

BEAT 2 eggs with 1 cupful of caster sugar until very light. Then add 1 tablespoonful flour sifted with ½ teaspoonful baking powder, a cupful of stoned and chopped dates, a cupful of finely-chopped walnuts, and 1 teaspoonful of lemon juice.

B. M.

their pets seriously, and a Paris dog has a warm, hygienic bed in his owner's flat, and his own toilet box, containing soap, cleaning powder, a brush, a bottle of antiseptic eye-lotion, and cotton-wool. Every day he is groomed and brushed, his ears are carefully cleaned and dried, and his eyes bathed with clean cotton-wool dipped in eye-lotion.

He has a coat for very cold or wet weather, but normally he goes without it for his morning run in the park. He is well trained, and knows how to behave when taken out to afternoon coffee, and, altogether, is a credit to his mistress.

R. H.

Are You Popular?

EVERY woman likes to be popular. It is a natural, and reasonable desire. Yet, to be really popular is not easy. It demands a certain amount of giving—quite a large amount, in fact. Many women do not realise this. Instead, they are apt to assume thoughtlessly that popularity is an in-born quality, a natural endowment, or even a matter of luck. The truth is that popularity is frequently an acquired quality, and represents a triumph over nervousness and fear.

Not a few women, for instance, are unpopular through shyness. This is a distressing and difficult thing to overcome, for it has usually been developed through wrong treatment in childhood.

The Listening Art

If you are shy, try to become a good listener—there are not many good listeners nowadays. Remember that people are much more interested in themselves than in anything else, and like to tell the world what they are doing, or are going to do. If you can learn to listen patiently—very now and then—putting in an intelligent question, or remark, the chief cause of your shyness will vanish and you will gain many friends and what is more, probably a reputation for being a clever woman!

Again, if you want people to like you, don't pose. Be natural. People don't like posers, because posers are usually boring. Be cheerful. This may seem to be too unimportant to be worth noticing, yet a bright outlook that is genuine, the cheerfulness that is natural and springs from an inward happiness, is valuable, and, allied to a sincere desire to make others happy, it is beyond price.

The woman who looks burdened with care, and as though perpetually meditating on troubles, no matter how conscientious she may be, has a depressing effect on the people who inevitably edges away as quickly as possible.

people's illnesses. Moreover, illness discussions are infectious, and they promptly lower the vitality of the listener! When you meet people who are really pleased to see them, even though, perhaps, you are tired and wish to be left alone. At the same time, don't gush, for that will make them distrust you.

Then there is the faculty of making things "go" when there is any sort of entertainment afoot. The popular woman is one who realises that someone must help to keep the affair from falling flat.

It is difficult to be popular, but the popular woman does enjoy life. If you are unpopular don't sit at home feeling neglected. Ask yourself "Why?" and then see what you can do about it.

Jane Shepherd

Easily Made Marmalade

THIS recipe makes a good thick marmalade for very little cost.

Take 10 Seville oranges, 3 sweet oranges, and 2 lemons. Scrub thoroughly and remove peel, thinly with a potato peeler. Cut this into thin strips with a pair of scissors, or put through the mincer.

Cut the fruit across in thin slices, and remove all pits with a skewer. Turn slices and strands of peel into a large basin, and cover with 10 pints cold water. Add the pits tied in a piece of muslin.

Allow to soak 24 hours. Turn all into preserving pan, bring to the boil, and boil gently till pulp has reduced to half. This takes about 30 minutes.

Add sugar—3 lb. soft sugar is required for this quantity. Allow to dissolve, then bring to the boil, and boil about 30-40 minutes. A little test when tested on a cold plate will show when the marmalade is ready. It should be thick and sticky, and will set on a cold surface.



Silk play suits will be a "must" for a girl's wardrobe this spring, judging from their popularity at winter resorts in Florida and California. The girl (left) is wearing such a suit with a simple top and long, flowing skirt, while the girl at right shows how it can be worn under a short, flared skirt. The outfit in purple with a shocking pink all-over pattern is also popular. Note the simple shoes that the girl at right is wearing.



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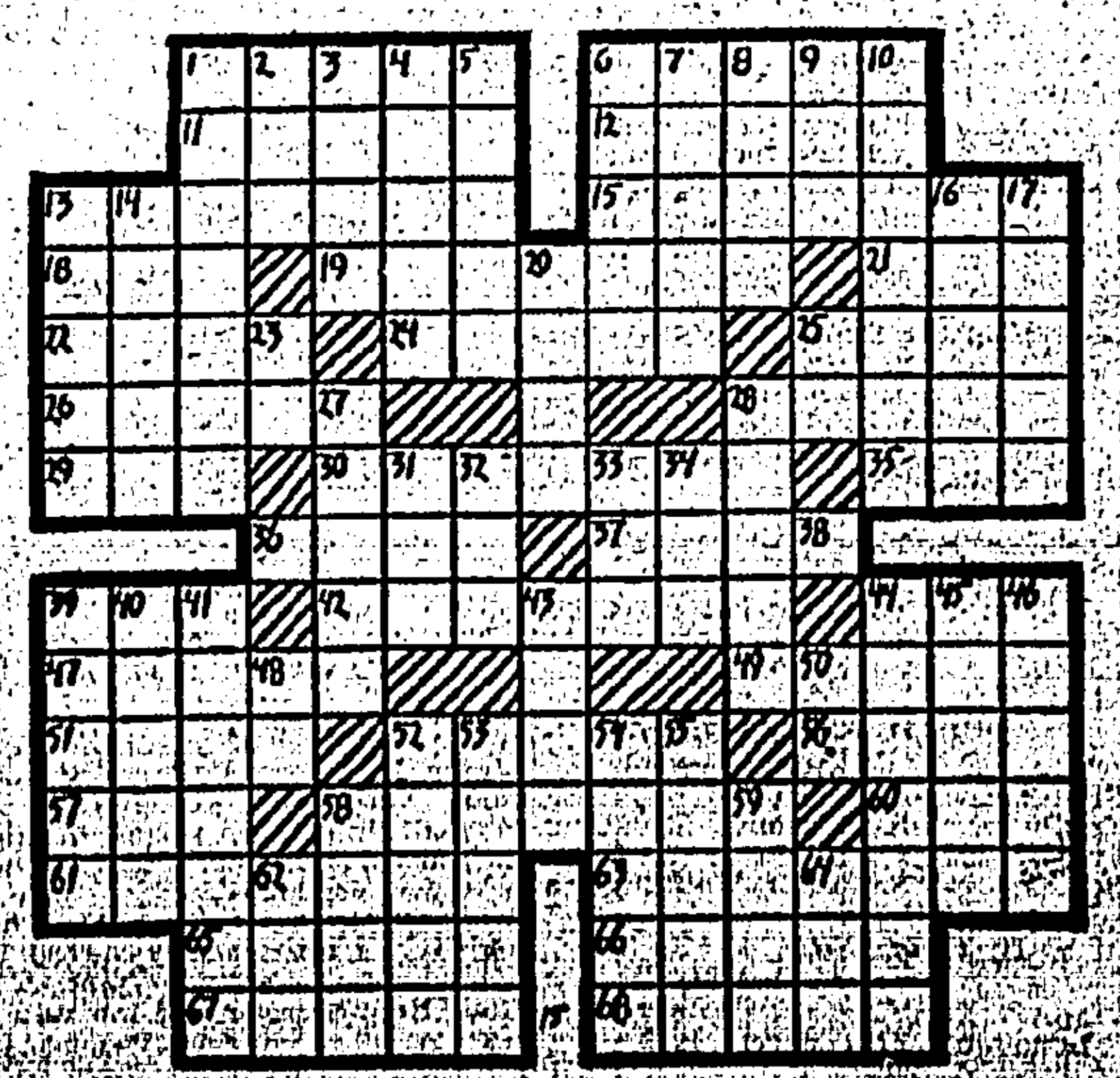
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ACROSS

1—Original name of Egypt
2—Experience cunning
3—Innate companion
4—Inner bone in leg
5—Circumference
6—In music last
7—Sister
8—Draw close
9—Royal coat
10—Victimized person
11—Unit of weight per unit volume
12—Manufactured
13—Political move
14—One who determines by measurement
15—Father
16—Result of grading
17—Distress signal
18—Principal
19—Fed to satisfy
20—Observe carefully
21—Unit of length
22—Movement of army
23—Place of death
24—Title of king
25—Aerial cylinder of gas
26—Lateral image
27—Indice
28—Island
29—Small musical instrument
30—Fence
31—Massachusetts village, Academy seat
32—Form of collective antibody

DOWN

1—Capable
2—Type of incantation
3—Pertaining to rabble
4—Overestimated
5—Jaw
6—Wild West show
7—Those who are debauch
8—African wooded
9—For instance (abbr.)
10—Insects
11—Complete
12—Smell
13—Frozen water
14—River on Lake Garda
15—First Latin
16—Type of fort
17—One who gives in
18—Black belt
19—Bathing
20—Man's name
21—Swimming birds
22—Southern state
23—Fitzcarraldo
24—Soda
25—Separates
26—Combining form in chemistry
27—Nitrogen
28—Suggestive new idea
29—Things not removed
30—Line of used for bathing
31—Fruit composed of
32—Crude
33—Apt grounds



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RANGOON-CHUNGKING Reconstruction at Lashio Holds Up Start

Owing to the inadequacy of the landing field at Lashio, Shan States, the start of the air service between Rangoon and Chungking has been delayed until later this month, according to the local office of the C.N.A.C.

It is understood that R.A.F. officials and others are now surveying the field, which is considered too short and bumpy for safe landings. Reconstruction by coolies and general levelling-off is already in hand.

Both Imperial Airways and C.N.A.C. have already made test flights over the route to Kunning.

Start of Hanoi Service

Chungking, Mar. 13. The China National Aviation Corporation to-day said the direct mail and passenger air-line between Chungking and Hanoi, a test flight of which was successfully carried out last Wednesday, will be inaugurated on March 14 with giant Douglas planes.

They said the journey can be covered in a single day with a brief stop over at Kunning. The fare for the journey is 450 yuan.

The C.N.A.C. said the aerodrome at Lashio is still in the course of being expanded, and that the smallness of that aerodrome is the only reason for the delay in the inauguration of the Chungking-Rangoon air-line. They also said the Corporation had enough material and facilities to open the Chungking-Rangoon service soon, as the expansion of the Lashio field would soon be completed.

Within a few weeks' time Chungking is expected to be in contact with the outside world by four air routes, namely the Chungking-Hongkong line which contacts with Pan-American's trans-Pacific service, the Chungking-Hanoi line connecting with Air France, the Chungking-Rangoon line connecting with Imperial Airways and the Chungking-Hankow line with a Soviet service to Moscow.—United Press.

Trial Flight First

Chungking, Mar. 13. The Chungking-Hanoi air service operated by the C.N.A.C. will be inaugurated to-morrow, a trial flight by a Douglas plane on March 8 having proved satisfactory.

Planes flying between Chungking and Hanoi will stop over at Kunning.—Central News.

JAPANESE SERVICE

Former C.N.A.C. Route To Be Flown

Shanghai, Mar. 13. A regular air service to link North and Central China will be inaugurated on March 14 by the China Aviation Company.

The new route connects Shanghai with Peiping via Nanking, Hsichow, Tsuan, and Tientsin. Two return flights will be made daily between Shanghai and Nanking, while one return flight will be made between Nanking and Peiping each day.

The plane starting from Shanghai at 9.30 a.m. reaches Peiping at 3 p.m. The charge for the Shanghai-Peiping trip is \$10.—Domei.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and departures Of Plane

Outward
For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. March 14. Imperial Airways 7 a.m. March 17.
For U.S.A. via Manila, Guam, Honolulu, Philippine Clipper 8.30 a.m. March 18.

Inward
From London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. March 15.
From Chungking Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Service indefinite.

From U.S.A. via Honolulu Guam, Manila: Philippine Clipper 12.30 p.m. March 17.

From France, via Hanoi: Air France 6.30 a.m. March 18.

OWN COFFIN

BROCKTON, Mass.

Though Charles A. Lapman, 60, never was a Boy Scout, his motto apparently is: "Be Prepared." He recently finished building his own casket—lined with blue and trimmed with gold.

LATE NEWS

Hitler's Demands

Berlin, Mar. 13.

Well-informed quarters state, though unconfirmed, that Herr Hitler sent a note to the Prague Government demanding that Czechoslovakia first divide the country into three independent States—Bohemia, Slovakia, and Ruthenia.

Secondly, reconstruction of the Prague Government from which General Elias and General Sirovy would be dismissed.

M. Tiso was in conference with Herr Hitler for 40 minutes, and he left the Chancellery accompanied by drum-rolling by Hitler's guard of honour.

He returned to his hotel and telephoned M. Sidor at Bratislava, who agreed to summon the Slovak Government on Tuesday morning, when a declaration will be made first thing to Parliament.—United Press.

Heavy Rioting In Bratislava

Bratislava, Mar. 13.

Heavy rioting has been taking place since 8 p.m. in a public square between the National Theatre and the Hotel Carlton.

The police ordered a huge Slovak nationalist and independence demonstration to disperse, but the crowd replied with shouts of "Where is Tiso? Where is Mach? We demand independence!"

Whereupon the police, charged with bayonets, tear-gas, and bombs.—United Press.

Emergency Unit Called Out

Emergency unit called out at 9.30 a.m. to 236 Shanghai Street, where attempted robbery by four men armed with daggers and chopper reported.

Big Ship Robbery

Chief Engineer K. Evensen of s.s. Hawk reports robbery of \$820 from cabin aboard ship.

Imperial Airways Win Concession

Imperial Airways have been granted commercial facilities in Indo-China.

This important announcement was made in Hongkong this morning.

Following an agreement between the British company and the authorities of Indo-China, Imperial Airways' planes will in future be permitted to accept passengers, mail and freight to and from Hanoi.

One of the most important consequences of this agreement is that Hongkong passengers may now travel to and from China via Hanoi, the agreement making it possible for passengers to travel from Hongkong to Hanoi by British planes and connecting with the existing C.N.A.C. and Eurasia services at Hanoi.

The agreement grants full commercial rights to Imperial Airways, the only restrictions being on intra-State bookings.

No Oil Pact

The Hague, Mar. 13.

It is learned authoritatively that reports of an agreement being reached between the Mexican Government and foreign oil companies operating in Mexico are premature.

A decision in a favourable sense, however, is expected shortly.—Reuter.

Emergency Service For Victoria

Melbourne, Mar. 13.

The Premier of Victoria has announced the appointment of a National Emergency Service committee to evolve protective measures for the civil population.—Reuter.

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FIRECRACKER TRADE

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Shanghai, Mar. 13.

The Municipal Council has decided that the keeping, storing, selling or manufacturing of firecrackers be prohibited from May 1, and that, when it is considered that conditions warrant the lifting of the prohibition, steps be taken to license the firecrackers trades.—Reuter.

POLICE TRANSFERS

Recent transfers of Police officials are as follow:

Sub-Inspector J. Gaddard from Home leave to Shamshulpo, in place of Sub-Inspector B. Flaherty who is proceeding on Home leave.

Sub-Inspector L. Tyler to Yau-mai in place of Sub-Inspector D. Reidy who recently retired on pension.

Acting Sub-Inspector P. H. Ke to Kowloon Police Court in place of Sergeant G. Groves who is proceeding on Home leave.

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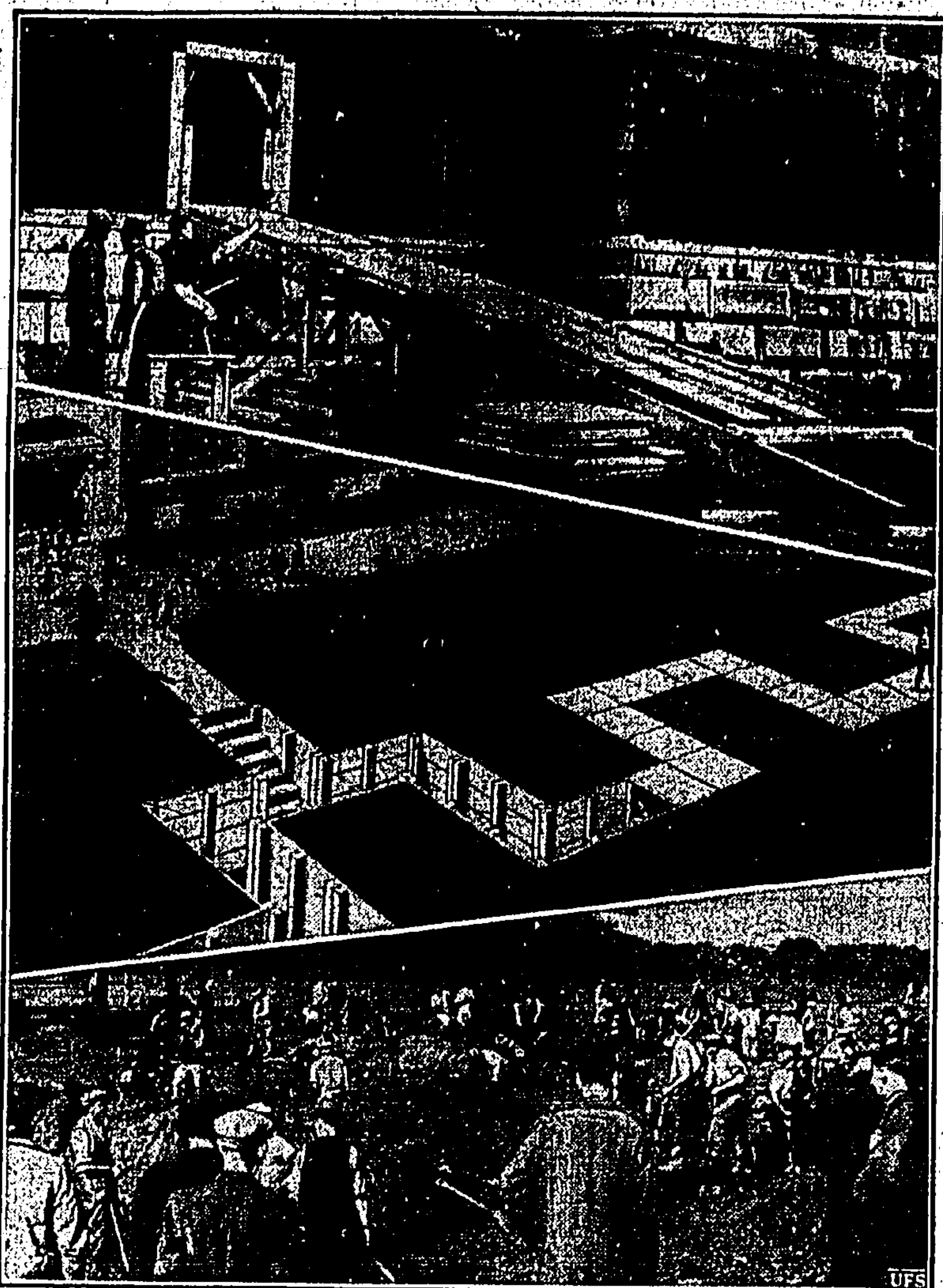
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Scandal of the "Won't-Billet-Children" Towns CALLOUS SNOBS REFUSE SHELTER



What with Britain's Prime Minister Chamberlain recently broadcasting a warning of dangers to the Empire at home and abroad and asking for a huge volunteer defence army, and Sir John Anderson, Defence Minister, advising housewives to store quantities of staple supplies. London whippers that the next war will start soon. Conforming to air raid precaution plans, workmen, in top panel, are reinforcing basement of a Whitehall building to withstand air bombing. Centre, plan of approved trench in an apartment house lawn, covered to simulate a walk. Bottom, feverish trench digging in Hyde Park temporarily halted by Munich Pact.

Dead, But They Won't Lie Down!

DIRECT HIT

A witness for the defence said at Croydon Police Court recently that he was sure Winston Betts, of Westorham (Kent), did not throw a snowball at a police sergeant.

"Why are you so sure?" the witness, Cecil William Shepherd, of South Croydon, was asked.

"Because I throw it," he replied.

The case was dismissed and the police were told that they could take out a summons against Shepherd if they wished.

With a "Here, I say!" and a "What the dickens next?" the somnolent citizens of Cheltenham and Cirencester have suddenly woken up to the horrid realities of war.

Cheltenham and Cirencester are seldom in the news, nor do they wish to be.

They have never been air-raided, nor are they likely to be, for they contain nothing of military value, unless you count a few retired army men, most of whom are past it.

Tucked safely away in the Cotswolds, Cheltenham and Cirencester could sleep through a war. No roar of guns could reach them; no crash of bombs on industrial cities.

It is not such echoes of war that have now disturbed their slumbers. What has roused them is the ghastly pitter-patter of little feet about the house.

God, sir! Have you heard what the Government are proposing to do if war breaks out? Have you seen the map? They are going to take the schoolchildren from the danger areas of Birmingham and billet them in the Georgian mansions of Cheltenham, the elegant villas of Cirencester?

IF WAR COMES

"Not if we can stop it," say the masters and mistresses of the elegant homes. In Cirencester there are indignation meetings and from Cheltenham a protest is sent to Westminster.

And not only from these pleasant towns do startled squeals arise.

There have been letters from residents of what may be called "cushy retreats"—quiet cathedral cities, health resorts, refuges of those who, having retired from active life, have shut themselves off from the working world.

They write about their china, their beds, their linen, their drawing-rooms. They shudder at the thought of children's shoes on their carpets, children's voices in their ears.

Hearing their squeals, one might almost suppose these people to be alive, but are they fully conscious? Do they know what is happening in the world?

IN DUG OUT LAND

In squealing before they are hurt they are setting a curious example to the rest of us, and especially to those who are much more likely to suffer than themselves.

If war does come, we must all put up with worse hardships than having other people's children in our houses.

In one way or another we shall all have to fight. There will be compulsory military service from the first day. There will be compulsory civil service, compulsory rationing, compulsory billeting.

Everybody in England will have to exert himself to the utmost in order to beat the enemy.

If we have to give all that we have, then we shall not give too much. He that is not with us will be against us.

Do these people think that because they live in sheltered spots out of the reach of the guns, that they are not in the same boat as the rest of us? Then they are indeed doormats, and for God's sake let them keep silent, for their protests are offensive to the ears of their neighbours.

If war comes there will be more useful work for women's hands than bringing tea into drawing-rooms, and one hair of a child's head will be worth more than all the chattels in Cheltenham.

Yule Tree Five-Bodied

J. J. Duffy, Quarryville, N. B. As yet a Christmas tree that would suit the Dionne quintuplets. The tree is a five-bodied evergreen he found growing out of an old stump. Each body is about eight feet high and the collective butt is two inches in diameter.

country concerned, would create an instinctive sales resistance against British goods, and in the long run would damage rather than help our manufacturers.

The recent slackening of tension in the political sphere was being followed by the beginnings of a recovery of confidence so vital to the successful transaction of international trade. It was significant that in spite of the fact that there were a large number of industries exhibiting in the forthcoming British Industries Fair which were greatly affected by the rearmament programme, the Engineering and Hardware Section at Birmingham, where most of these industries exhibited, would create a new record in the amount of exhibiting space occupied.

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Challenge To British Trade

MR. R. S. Hudson, Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade, addressing the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce recently, said that he was indebted to the Dean of Lincoln for the loan of a copy of Magna Carta for exhibition in the United Kingdom Pavilion at the New York World's Fair.

The Great Charter was a document of special interest and importance at the present time. One might almost describe it as the "birth certificate of democracy." A clause that had particularly impressed him dealt with the Freedom of Commerce, and ran: "All merchants shall have freedom to come and go and to buy and sell in accordance with the ancient and right customs."

After the lapse of so many centuries we might still need to fight to maintain that freedom. The "ancient and right customs" were being challenged, and we must meet that challenge. No doubt the barons in their dealings with King John presented to him what they considered to be a reasonable case, but the strength of their position lay in their unity. The same held true to-day.

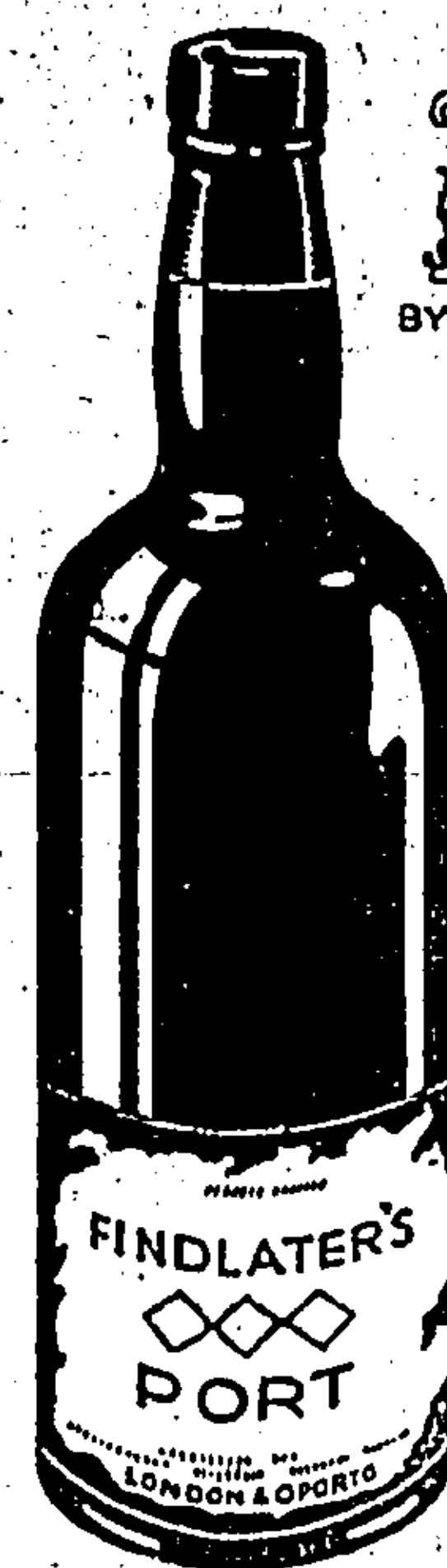
The preliminary results of the first eleven months of last year, as published by the League of Nations statistical service, showed that in the recession in world trade we suffered somewhat less than others, and retained our position as the second largest exporting country in the world. It was significant that whereas the value of our exports for the period fell by about 10.2 per cent, those of Germany fell by 10.4 per cent. It did not, therefore, seem that a departure from the "ancient and right customs" in commerce was justified even by its immediate results. German methods had not improved their position relatively, but had merely served by the uncertainty of their incidence to disturb markets and to ensure that both we and they in many instances received an uneconomic price for our goods.

Germany had her problems too, and the difficulties she had to face were in many respects far graver than ours. The Federation of British Industries had therefore a good chance of finding their opposite numbers in a reasonable frame of mind for negotiation, though the actual work of preparation was complicated and detailed and necessarily took some time.

Even if, as he hoped, negotiations were successful in the case of all the industries at present in mind, that was not going to solve our export problem. The troubles of the large group of textiles industries had to be tackled, and there was also a considerable number of miscellaneous trades. In the case of many firms, in such industries export trade was only a side-line, the main preoccupation being the home market. He suggested that in spite of all difficulties there were plenty of openings in export trade, and if they were exploited to the full with determination and initiative they would make some impression on the figure of 2,000,000 unemployed.

A good deal was heard of the action that the Government might take in the way of compelling foreign countries to take our goods from us by making fuller use of our purchasing power. The foreign buyer, especially the individual purchaser in the shops, expected, legitimately, that if he was pressed to "buy British," British goods should be more or less competitive in price, at least as well got up and packed as those of other competitors, and pushed on his notice by methods of advertising and after-sales service at least as efficient. Where those conditions were fulfilled the exporter in this country would find the Government only too ready to back him up by all means in their power. Government pressure was an invaluable backing to, but was no substitute for, a competitive standard in British goods. For us as a country to try to make it a substitute would merely arouse resentment in the

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HOW BRITAIN'S RICHEST MAN HANDLES HIS VAST WEALTH

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THE DEATH RECENTLY OF SIR WILLIAM COX, WHO MANAGED A CONSIDERABLE PART OF SIR JOHN ELLERMAN'S MILLIONS AND WAS HIS CLOSEST ADVISER, WILL MARK A TURNING-POINT IN THE LIFE OF THE RICHEST MAN IN BRITAIN.

No one man will ever be appointed again to share with Sir John all the secrets of the Ellerman fortune.

Sir John has now decided to manage his own financial affairs. His decision to do so is particularly important because in a few years' time he will become master for the first time since his father's death in 1933 of the full interest yield by the entire Ellerman possessions.

Under his father's will the full fortune only comes to him when he reaches the thirties.

NEW CHAPTER

In the five years since 1933 a new chapter has been added to this most remarkable of all the great British fortunes.

When the late Sir John Ellerman died his millions were mainly in shipping, real estate, brewery and newspaper shares. But in addition there were vast interests in scores of industrial companies, and huge sums of cash in the banks which had been accumulated against death duties.

It took three years to complete the tally of the estate, but in the end it was sworn at £36,684,000.

This was an abnormally low estimate due to the fact that Sir John had died in the course of the slump period when values were low.

At one period a few years earlier Sir John himself valued his estate at the colossal figure of £71,000,000.

Death duties of £18,000,000 were paid, which left the present Sir John Ellerman, then about twenty-four years of age, with a starting fortune of £18,000,000.

Since then there has been an astonishing rise in values which, aided by the fact that Sir John Ellerman lives very frugally and leaves his wealth to accumulate,

has resulted in a rise to a total at present of something in the region of £60,000,000.

At this figure it is by far the greatest fortune in Britain, and probably in Europe. There are indeed few fortunes in the world that equal it.

When Sir John Ellerman inherited the fortune on his father's death his financial education had barely begun. That was where the importance of Sir William Cox lay.

Sir William, who had risen from a minor part in the Ellerman organisation to a position of great power, quickly won the confidence of the shy heir whom he had known since boyhood.

Sir John learned to lean on the sound advice and great experience of Cox. He was able to retire into quiet privacy.

COMING OUT

During the last year or two, however, he has begun to come more out of his shell. He is now visiting more frequently the offices in Moor-gate, from where the principal Ellerman concerns are directed. Further evidence that he intended to lead the life of a millionaire was his purchase last year of 20 Kensington Palace-gardens. There he now en-



Group photograph taken of the Chinese Engineering Society at the St. Francis Hotel recently.—Royal Studio.

tertains on a scale he never attempted before.

The attachment between the old man and the young one was very close. When Sir William died suddenly in Nottingham last month, Sir John hurried there by motor-car. He felt a great personal grief and himself arranged for the body to be brought back by road. He followed behind in another car.

Sir John now intends to delegate some of Sir William's powers to one or two men he can trust.

One of these is likely to be thirty-six-year-old Mr. Raphael de Sola, his brother-in-law. Mr. de Sola is a financier, with shipping interests both in this country and in India. He has already handled some of the Ellerman investments.

The complicated control of the Ellerman millions has never been clearly understood by the general public. It may be interesting if I clear up some of the misunderstandings.

When the late Sir John Ellerman made his will he appointed three trustees who were to manage the estate until his son was over thirty.

These trustees are young Sir John himself, Mr. Frederick George Burt (the late Sir John's confidential secretary), and the Debuture Securities Investment Trust Company, Ltd., of which eighty-two-year-old Sir Miles Mattinson, K.C., is chairman. Sir Miles is considered the greatest trust expert in the City of London.

A fourth name should really be added to the trusteeship. This is Mr. Hubert Stanley Holden, managing director of the Ellerman Lines, Ltd., the great Ellerman shipping expert and the man who has more shipping responsibilities than any other man in Britain.

Sir Miles Mattinson, Mr. Burt and Mr. Holden are the only directors of the Debuture Securities Investment Trust. These three men, with Sir William Cox, formed the inner "brains trust" of the Ellerman companies.

The will directed that any matter of importance in relation to the Ellerman estate in its entirety was to be dealt with by the trustees.

Between two and three million pounds were handed over for Sir John's personal use immediately on his father's death. He has had other large sums, amounting to about another £3,000,000, since then. The investment of most of this personal fortune of £6,000,000 was one of the duties of Sir William Cox.

The will "trust" is distinct from the Ellerman Property Trust. Nearly all the share capital of the Property Trust company belongs to the estate which the "will trustees" control. In addition, other large real estate possessions are also controlled by the trustees, although Sir William Cox managed many of them.

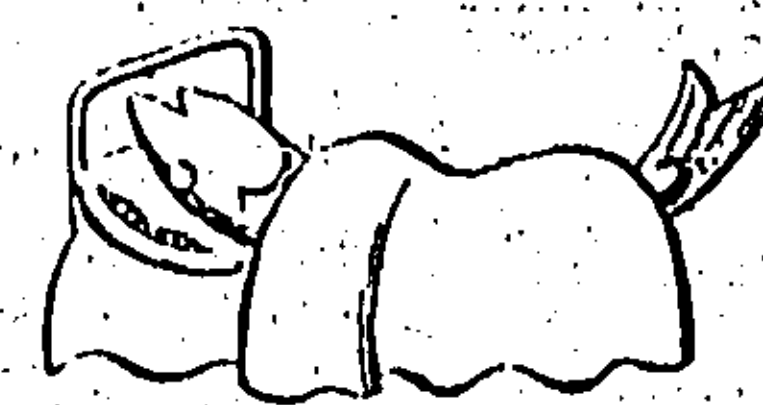
SIR JOHN'S PART
The management of these estates will not have to be considered by the

Seiberling, Jr.

Toledo, O.
Frank Seiberling, Jr., son of the Akron rubber magnate, has bicycled his way through art centres of Europe and into a job as an assistant to the director of Toledo Museum of Art.

DO FISH SLEEP?

We are genuinely sorry for our goldfish. He has nowhere to lie down, except on the hard glass floor of his little bowl. And he yawns all day long, as if even the crispest ant's egg would bore him to tears. The one great advantage of being a fish is that a fish has no hips. How cruel to one's hips is an unyielding mattress!



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AUSTRALIAN BUTTER

Curate in Train Smash Missed His Wedding

ON the way to Eastbourne for his wedding, the Rev. Edwin Stratton, curate at St. Matthew's, Wolverhampton, scrambled from the wreckage in the Hatfield train smash recently and endeavoured to get to London by coach.

At Potters Bar he collapsed and was taken to the Cottage Hospital, where he was detained for observation.

It is suspected that Mr. Stratton, whose home is in Eiggleswade, has internal injuries.

BRIDE'S DASH

His bride-to-be, Miss Elsie Goddard, of Gore Park Road, Eastbourne, dashed to the hospital from Eastbourne when she heard the news.

They were to have been married at St. Michael's Church, Eastbourne.

Miss Goddard, formerly an assistant in an Eastbourne store, was dressing for the wedding when a telegram came from Potters Bar Hospital.

"She collapsed with the shock," her mother said. "When she recovered she hastily dressed and dashed off in a taxi with the best."

The Lambeth Walk Passes Bath Test

THE Lambeth Walk was "tried" at the historic Assembly Rooms, Bath, recently and won.

It had been banned by the chairman of the entertainments sub-committee, Alderman Bateman, without the knowledge and authority of other members, and the decision was rescinded.

The committee, in deference to public opinion and ridicule, invoked the ban.

£50,000 SPENT
Experts, including the makers of the spring floor, attended a dance in the Assembly Rooms to see whether damage to the rooms, on which £50,000 was recently spent, was caused by the dance.

They stated that the crack in the plaster was not caused by undue vibration as a result of the Lambeth Walk.

man to go to Potters Bar.

"We were able to advise the vicar of St. Michael's, but a number of guests arrived at the church. Finding no one there they came on here to find out the cause."

"After Elsie had gone a telegram came from Mr. Stratton saying that he was delayed by a train accident and would be coming next day."

Mr. Stratton was standing in the corridor of the wrecked coach when the crash occurred.

JUMPED OVER FENCE
He was thrown flat in the corridor and probably this saved his life, because both sides of the carriage were caved in, and he was left just a small aperture through which he was able to crawl out.

He ran from the track, scrambled up the steep snow-covered bank of the cutting, jumped over a wire fence and boarded a passing motor-coach bound for London.

"He told me," said Captain John Metcalfe, a passenger in the train, "that he reckoned he would not be very late for his wedding."

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T.T. Batavia	54 1/2
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.30 p.m. yesterday, says: Although the turnover was on a restricted scale, prices remained steady. Sales were reported in Banks at \$14.20, Old Docks at \$18.35, Old China Lights at \$8.90 and Cements at \$14 1/4.

Hongkong Bank	\$14.20
Canton Insurance	\$22 1/2
Union Insurance	\$47 1/2
H.K. Fire Insurance	\$107
Douglases	\$67
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$119 1/2
H.K. Docks	\$116 1/2
H.K. Docks (New)	\$117 1/2
H.K. Tramways	\$117 1/2
Yuenai Ferry	\$23.00
China Lights (Old)	\$8.90
H.K. Electric	\$20 1/2
Macao Electric	\$18
Sandakan Lights	\$11
Canton Ice	\$1
Cements	\$14 1/4
H.K. Ropes	\$4.30
Wing On (H.K.)	\$45
Entertainment	\$7
Vibro Piling	\$6 1/2
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2	Loan 4 1/2 pm.
Hongkong Bank	\$14.20
Union Insurance	\$48 1/2
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$122
H. & S. Hotels	\$20.00
H.K. Tramways	\$117.20
H.K. Electric	\$20
Sandakan Lights	\$11 1/2
Watsons	0 1/4
Sales	
Hongkong Bank	\$14.20
H.K. Docks (Old)	\$16.50
China Lights (Old)	\$8.90
Sandakan Lights	\$11
Cements	\$14 1/4
Daily	\$25
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INDOOR BOWLING

Ewo League Match Played At Alleys Last Night

At the Hongkong Bowling Alleys last evening, the "Rollers" beat "Pokfulam's Pride" by 41 points in an Ewo League match. It was a close contest with the issue in doubt until the last frame.

Scores:			
"Pokfulam's Pride"			
F. Angus	110	141	125
M. Well	115	101	147
A. H. Potts	124	99	99
L. Well	98	104	109
Total	440		
"Rollers"			
C. Guttinger	159	110	170
S. A. Tremlett	123	113	95
J. Dubois	100	108	108
A. A. Hutchison	118	81	122
Total	440		

HISTORIC BIBLE

MARTZBURG, South Africa. A Bible which was rescued from the burning pile after the recall of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, when hundreds of Protestant Bibles were publicly burned in France, has just been presented to the Natal Historical Society.

THE "TELEGRAPH" will send a Staff Photographer to all events of public interest. Requests should be addressed to the Pictorial Editor.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG CLUB

Notice

The Ninety Fifth Yearly General Meeting of the Members of the Hongkong Club will be held in the Club House on Tuesday, the 28th March, 1939, at 5.30 p.m.

By order,

S. R. KERR,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1939.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Monday, 27th March, 1939, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from 16th to 27th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1939.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March, 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

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Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1939, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong), on Wednesday, the 15th day of March, 1939, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1938, and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 1st March, 1939, to Wednesday, the 15th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

F. C. BARRY,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1939.

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Czech Crisis Flares Up

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subject of the developments in Czechoslovakia.

INTERVIEW HITLER

Berlin, Mar. 13. M. Tiso, former Premier of Slovakia, and M. Durcansky, arrived in Berlin by special plane from Vienna to-day, when they drove to the Foreign Office and saw Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, who took them straight to the Chancellery, where Herr Hitler was waiting for them.

Decisions made at the interviews, if any, are being kept secret.

An official communiqué issued after the meeting merely says that "pending issues" were discussed, but it is reported that Herr Hitler is sending demands or recommendations to Prague to-night.

PARLIAMENT SUMMONED

A Prague message says that it is semi-officially learned that ex-Premier Tiso requested President Hacha to summon the Slovak Parliament in Bratislava at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The request is stated to have been made as a result of M. Tiso's talk with Herr Hitler.

President Hacha has complied with the request.

The Slovak Parliament will have to decide the future of Slovakia.

GERMAN DEMANDS

It is semi-officially learned that Germany is asking the Central Government at Prague, firstly to give Slovakia the right of self-determination; secondly, to replace the present Czech Defence Minister, General Sirovy, and the Minister of the Interior; thirdly, to guarantee protection of the German minorities in Bohemia and Moravia.—Reuter.

COMMONS STATEMENT

London, Mar. 13. Making a statement in the House of Commons to-day on the situation in Czechoslovakia, Mr. Neville Chamberlain declared that according to his reports, only minor incidents had occurred in Bratislava in the last few days, and the situation there appeared, to be outwardly calm.—Reuter.

GOERING RETURNS

Rome, Mar. 13. Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, who has been on holiday in Italy left unexpectedly to-day for Berlin by the afternoon train.

It is believed here that Field-Marshal Goering's return to Germany may be due to events in Czechoslovakia, and the renewed tension between Berlin and Prague.—Reuter.

LONDON RESERVE

London, Mar. 13. Official circles in London maintain reserve in regard to the events in Czechoslovakia.

Concerning the question of British guarantee of Czechoslovak territory, it is pointed out in informed quarters that no formal guarantee has ever been given.

It is also emphasised that any such guarantee could relate only to foreign aggression against Czechoslovakia, and not to the disintegration of the country through internal causes.

It is added that for the time being British interests are not affected by the events in Bratislava.

NO CONCRETE PROPOSALS

The British Government is stated to be in close touch with Paris on the subject of the developments in Czechoslovakia, but that no concrete proposals regarding eventual steps to be taken by either Government have yet been made.

No official communication from the Czechoslovak Government concerning the situation has yet been received in London.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN TROOP MOVEMENTS

MUNICH, Mar. 13. The movements of German troops in Bavaria in recent weeks have been large enough to attract attention, and has been the subject of discussion among the public. Movements have been observed with more than usual strength in the direction of Salzburg, and some have taken place from Nuremberg to Munich.

The troops involved are mostly mechanized detachments, with light guns, anti-aircraft guns, and armoured cars.—Reuter.

CZECH CABINET TO RESIGN?

Prague, Mar. 13. Evidence of the increasing anxiety with which the situation in Czechoslovakia is viewed here, is furnished by the persistent rumours of the impending resignation, not only of the Beran Cabinet, but also of President Hacha, to whom chief responsibility for the conduct of the Czech police authorities is attributed.

According to reports, the new Cabinet would be headed by General Galda, who was leader of the Czech Legionaries Government.

Opinion is growing in Prague political circles that it is hopeless to try to retain the Slovaks within the boundaries of the Czechoslovak Republic.—Trans-Ocean.

AXIS POWERS AGREE

Rome, Mar. 13. Commenting on the latest events in Czechoslovakia, the papers here emphasise complete agreement between the Axis Powers regarding the necessity of definitely settling the Czechoslovak problem, on the basis of the fullest autonomy of all the main ethnic elements in the Republic, a settlement destined to prevent the domination of the Prague Government over the Government of

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BRATISLAVA, and elimination of the so-called Benes policy.—Trans-Ocean.

FOUR MINISTERS TO RESIGN

Prague, Mar. 13. Four Ministers in the Prague Central Government, Mr. Sirovy, M. Felerabend, M. Sadek, and M. Fischer, will resign from office, it is stated in political circles here.—Trans-Ocean.

HUNGARIANS ARRESTED

Budapest, Mar. 13. Thirty Hungarian political leaders have been arrested in Presnov in Slovakia by the Czechs, according to the newspaper "Magyar Szag."

It is also stated that all leaders of the Hlinka Guards in Presnov have been arrested because they protested against the arrest of the Hungarians.

A clash occurred between the Czech militia and Hlinka Guards, during which nine persons were seriously wounded.—Trans-Ocean.

MURGAC DISMISSED

Prague, Mar. 13. Chief of Staff of the Slovak Hlinka Guards, Colonel Murgac, has been dismissed from office by the newly appointed Slovak Premier, M. Karl Sidor, according to a report broadcast by the Prague radio to-night.

Grounds for this action was broadcast from Vienna on Saturday, it is stated.

Colonel Murgac then called 'M. Sidor a traitor, who had betrayed the Slovaks to the Czechs.'

The Deputy, M. Paul Carnogarsky has been appointed the new chief of the Hlinka Guards.—Trans-Ocean.

MADRID NORMAL

(Continued from Page 1.)

of the blockade by the Spanish Nationalist Government.

Mr. Butler, replying to further questions on Spain, declared that the situation in Central Spain was very confused. The British Government had not been in contact either with the Republicans or Nationalists about conditions for an armistice.

The Government regarded repatriation of Spanish refugees from France as a matter between the French and Spanish governments. His Majesty's Government had decided to render assistance towards the maintenance of refugees, and a grant would be made in the immediate future to the British Red Cross.

Replying to additional questions on the Franco blockade, Mr. Butler said that Viscount Halifax had made it perfectly clear that the British navy would take action on the high seas if there was any interference with British ships.—Reuter.

Referees' Meeting

The regular half-monthly meeting of the Hongkong Referees' Association was held yesterday in the Football Association rooms, the Bank of Canton Building. Routine business was conducted.

Mr. R. M. Omar was in the Chair, and it was unanimously agreed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr. Goss, Hon. Secretary of the Association, in his recent bereavement.

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From	For	Due
Calcutta and Straits	Shirala	March 14.
Amoy	Van Heutsz	March 14.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.)—London date, 16th February and London Parcels—(London date, 9th February)	Corfu	March 15.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	March 15.
Shanghai	Glenogle	March 15.
Shanghai	Kaiyo Maru	March 15.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 8th March	Pan American Airways plane	March 15.
Tientsin	Prominent	March 15.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 8th March	Imperial Airways Plane	March 16.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 18th February)	Pres. Garfield	March 16.
Straits, Manila and London Parcels—(London date, 2nd February)	Small	March 16.
Japan	Ajax	March 17.
Haliphong	Bokuy Maru	March 17.
Japan	Canton	March 17.
Manila	Jeypore	March 17.
Japan and Shanghai	Pleasantville	March 17.
Tientsin and Swatow	Rawalpindi	March 17.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 11th March	Yingchow	March 17.
Manila and Straits	Imperial Airways Plane	March 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 24th February)	M/V Victoria	March 18.
Manila	Pres. Pierce	March 18.
Straits	Eurybates	March 20.
Straits	Rosdam	March 20.
Straits	Boisvalin	March 21.
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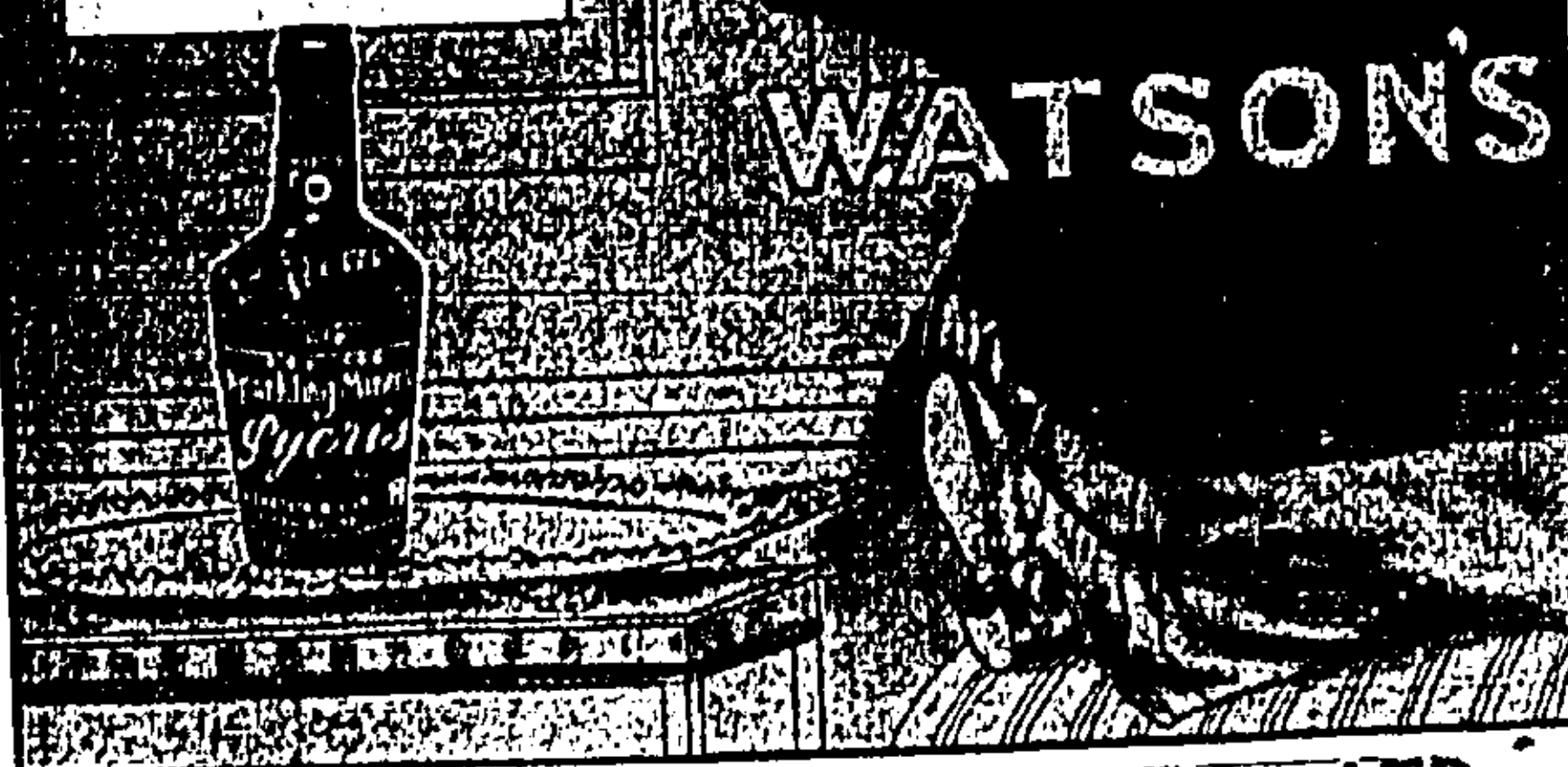
For	Per	Date and Time.
Tuesday		
Fort Bayard and Halphong	Jean Dupuis	Tues. Mar. 14, 2 p.m.
Swatow	Anhui	Tues. Mar. 14, 2.30 p.m.
Batavia and Sourabaya	Tjibadak	Tues. Mar. 14, 2.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Mul Hock Ties	Tues. Mar. 14, 3.30 p.m.
Chunchoo and Amoy	Taiyuan	Tues. Mar. 14, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Dairen	Nearmark	Tues. Mar. 14, 7 p.m.
Swatow	Tingsang	Tues. Mar. 14, 7 p.m.
Wednesday		
Madang, Salomau, Tulagi and Rabaul	Friderun	Wed. Mar. 15, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Yunnan	Wed. Mar. 15, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy, Chunchoo and Foochow	Selstan	Wed. Mar. 15, 3 p.m.
Parcels only for Straits	Van Heutsz	Wed. Mar. 15, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 22nd March	Pan American Airways Plane	Wed. Mar. 15.
	K.F.O.	
	Reg.	Mar. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 15, 5.30 p.m.
	G.F.O.	
	Reg.	Mar. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 16, 7.30 a.m.
Thursday		
Swatow	Kwangtung	Thurs. Mar. 16, 9.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 23rd March	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs. Mar. 16.
	K.F.O.	
	Reg.	Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 16, 5.30 p.m.
	G.F.O.	
	Reg.	Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 16, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 25th March	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs. Mar. 16.
	K.F.O.	
	Reg.	Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 16, 5.30 p.m.
	G.F.O.	
	Reg.	Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 16, 7 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 28th March.	Taiiping	Thurs. Mar. 16.
	K. F. O.	
	Parcels,	Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 16, 5.30 p.m.
	G. F. O.	
	Parcels	Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 16, 7 p.m.
Saigon	Aramis	Thurs. Mar. 16, 7 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. and (Parcels and Papers only for Canada)—due Vancouver B.C., 4th April	Emp. of Japan	Thurs. Mar. 16.
	G.F.O. and K.F.O.	
	Parcels,	Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Mar. 17, 9.15 a.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 17, 10 a.m.
Friday		
Shanghai, Japan and Europe (except Great Britain and Elze via Siberia.	Corfu	Fri. Mar. 17, 10.30 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Garfield	Fri. Mar. 17, 10.30 a.m.
Tientsin	Dahpu	Fri. Mar. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow	Sinkiang	Fri. Mar. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China by the "Air-France Airways Direct Service."	the Air France Plane	Fri. Mar. 17.
	K.F.O.	
	Reg.,	Mar. 17, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 17, 5.30 p.m.
	G.F.O.	
	Reg.,	Mar. 17, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 17, 7 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 14th April.	Rawalpindi	Fri. Mar. 17.
	G.F.O. and K.F.O.	
	Parcels,	Mar. 17, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Mar. 16, 9.45 a.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 28th March.	Rawalpindi	Sat. Mar. 18.
	G.F.O. and K.F.O.	
	Reg.,	Mar. 18, 9.30 a.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 18, 10 a.m.
Haiphong	Wosang	Sat. Mar. 18, 1 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Chenonceaux	Sat. Mar. 18, 1.30 p.m.
Manila	Fres. Pierce	Sat. Mar. 18, 4.30 p.m.
Sunday		
Fort Bayard and Pakhoi	Klangau	Sun. Mar. 19, 9 a.m.
Swatow	Klingun	Sun. Mar. 19, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Swatow and Foochow	Prominent	Mon. Mar. 20, 9.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Canon	Mon. Mar. 20, 9 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 27th March	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon. Mar. 20.
	K.F.O.	
	Reg.	Mar. 20, 5 p.m.
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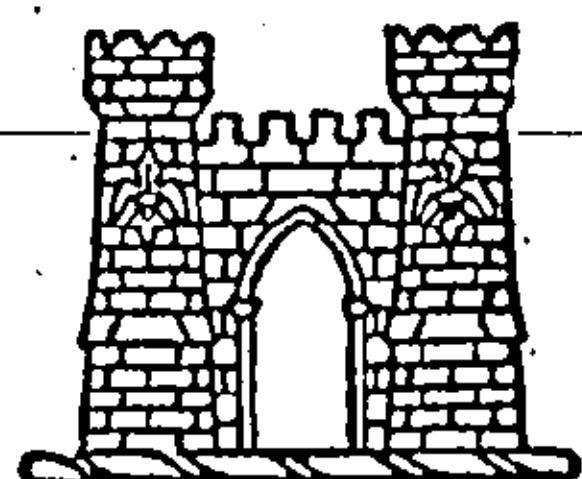
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Jew and Arab

One of the anomalies of the
present conversations between
Arab and Jew at St. James's
Palace in London is that,
although they cannot agree on
a basis for settlement them-
selves, they expect Britain to
wave the magic wand that will
bring understanding and peace
to the Holy Land.

Why Britain should be wor-
ried by this problem is beyond
understanding. Yet a solution
is of as much importance to
Britain as it is to the Jews and
Arabs, for the difficulties and
trials of Palestine are a crisis,
more or less, to the entire world.
A solution would mean much for
the Jews in Germany, for
instance.

Can an accommodation be
reached? Yes—on conditions.
How did the trouble arise?
During the war, Britain prom-
ised the Jews a national home
in Palestine. Britain also made
a treaty promising to set up an
Arab State there.

Ever since then, Britain has
been trying to keep both prom-
ises at once. Hence the con-
fusion.

This condition cannot con-
tinue, and Britain must realise
it. The Jews must realise, also,
that the Arabs are the native
people of the country.

The fact that the Jews settled
in Palestine thousands of years
ago should not give them
priority now. The Romans set-
tled in Britain two thousand
years ago. But that does not
mean that the Italian restau-
rators in London can claim to
control the Government in
Whitehall.

On the other hand, the Arabs
must remember that the Jews
settled in Palestine with the
assistance and protection of the
British Government, and that
protection cannot be revoked
now.

The immediate solution of the
problem seems to depend on the
prohibition of any more Jewish
immigration into Palestine.

What is the ultimate solution
to be?
Some suggest a plan for a
Federation including Syria and
Trans-Jordan (to where rioting
spread yesterday with heavy
loss of life), in which the in-
terest of the Jews could be safe-
guarded. This may be one way
out. But there are many dif-
ficulties in the way.

WINGS over Suburbia

by
FRANK
TILSLEY

famous novelist and
writer, who lives there

THE drone of warplanes
in the sky became
louder and louder. The
sun caught their wings
as they wheeled round, three
flights of them, and made
swiftly to where I stood, almost
paralysed with fright, watching
them.

They were headed straight for
me, but at the last moment they
passed, with an appalling roar,
just over my head, so low that
had I not been hunched up, with
my eyes shut tight, I could
doubtless have made out the
pilots' faces.

When my ears had again be-
come capable of normal hear-
ing the noise had faded into
the low, continuous drone
which, eternally, filled the
skies.

No, I was not anywhere in
Spain, or China, but standing
at the front door of a pleasant
suburban house with a trim
garden and concrete paths, a
couple of hundred yards from
Northolt Aerodrome, in Middle-
sex.

"REALLY, it's quiet to-
day," said Mrs. Powell,
of Cliford-road. "You
should be here some days! In
the course of one morning we saw
sixty-nine machines and often as
many as fifty up together."

"I'm glad I didn't come when it
was busy, then," I said, evasively,
anxiously, another fleet of bombers
banking against the wind over the
aerodrome. "I should think it
would drive you mad, this row
going on all day long."

"If it was only during the day-
time it wouldn't be so bad," said
Mrs. Powell, keeping an eye on her
fair, curly-headed two-year-old
son, playing on the pavement, "but

they're often at it until one in the
morning—and as often as not they
wake me up again at four. Unfor-
tunately I'm a light sleeper. Still,"
she said, "I suppose we've just got
to get used to it."

Elsewhere I found a householder
who wasn't so philosophical.
"Yes," he said, "I suppose you can
get used to anything in a way, but
I notice that all my neighbours
seem to be damn bad-tempered
lately."

I looked, as well as I listened, and
counted eight separate planes
wandering slowly about various
parts of the afternoon sky. It
seemed impossible that these tiny
shining objects, so remote at the
moment, were responsible for the
continuous, nerve-racking drone
which, by its very persistence,
somehow got right under your skin.

"You know," he said, "it's a bit
thick for people like us who hap-
pen to have chosen districts like
this, where R.A.F. activity has so
enormously increased. The whole
neighbourhood, here, has deterio-
rated like magic. Originally every-
body owned their houses and were
proud of them."

"Now the noise has driven some
of them out, and the houses are
being rented to people who don't
care twopenny."

HE had to stop for a
minute while three
gigantic bombers, so low
that I had to check myself from
ducking, roared overhead, shaking
a bicycle against a wall and, for a

brief frightening moment, blot-
ting out the sun.

"Seventy-five tons of metal
there," he grinned.

"Take my case, though," he went
on. "I paid £25 for my house
nearly three years ago. I still owe
£250 on mortgage. But if I cleared
off from here, as I'd like to do,
would I be able to get my money
back? Some people have just run
for it, in the night, leaving the
houses without notice; but why
should respectable folk like us
have to slink away like that, like
so many criminals? It isn't good
enough."

As I was talking to a young
mother nearby, we were interrup-
ted by the most frightful sound I
have ever heard. It was like the
highest note of a shrieking woman
caught and petrified. It went
on and on and on; the one high
unbelievable note, coming, appar-
ently, from a curious-looking
plane which hardly seemed to be
moving.

I FOUND myself taut,
waiting for it to stop.
Gripping my pencil as
though it was a last straw, saving
me from drowning. At last, it
moved out of hearing, and we both
sighed together.

"That's the thing I can't stand,"
she said. "It's controlled by wire-
less or something. Though, really,
it's my children I'm frightened for
most. I'm terrified of a crash."

"You know there was one a few
miles away some weeks ago? The
pilot was buried forty feet, they
say. It took hours to dig him out.
I keep on at my husband to move,
but he's got to be near his job, you
see."

"If you ask me anything, a war
could almost be a relief, more than
anything else. It will end this
awful tension, anyway. If it's going
to keep on much longer, then
I say the sooner we have a war and
get it over and done with the bet-
ter. If it wasn't for the children
I'm sure I'd go mad. Two neigh-
bours of mine are under the doctor
with nerves—do you wonder?"

I called on a local doctor, who
told me he had nerve cases, yes,
but the astonishing thing to him
was that he hadn't got considerably
more. "It's wonderful the
way people somehow keep control
over themselves," he said. "Sim-
ply wonderful. You might almost
call it heroic."

OUTSIDE, two boys, four
or five years old, sat on
the pavement playing
with a pile of gravel left there
for road surfacing. Five flights of
heavy planes, hurtling a couple of
hundred feet above them, didn't
make them look up.

"They were big ones," I said.
"In, Gloucester Gladiators,"
said the bigger boy.

"Go on," said the other, "you
don't know anything; Bristol
Bulldogs, those were."

"Bristol Bulldogs?" jeered the
first boy, gripping his spade pug-
natically. "They're fighting ma-
chines. Those there are bombers."

I left them to it.

PEACEFUL PENETRATION

SOME years ago I wished to visit
a small village called Itary in
the south of Brazil. The train ser-
vice to it was very irregular, and I
decided to go by road. This proved
to be little more than a red earth
track winding along the coast, and
through virgin jungle, but after some
hours of uncomfortable driving I
sighted a small village lying amongst
cultivated fields in a small valley.

I drove through fields where rice
was sprouting from the damp earth
at the side of a river. Other fields
were used for market gardening and
showed fine crops of cabbage, lettuce,
and other greens. Finally I drove
into the village and found myself,
much to my surprise, in Japan! Or
so it seemed from all I saw around
me.

Planting the one and only street
were houses completely unlike the
red clay huts beloved of the Brazilian
land worker. They were of wooden
frames covered with straw matting
and thick paper panels. The panels,
I discovered later, were composed of
many layers of cheap wallpaper glued
together. The outer walls were in
some cases decorated with typical
Japanese painting, and open doors
showed rooms apparently devoid of
furniture.

NAKED AND UNASHAMED

Numerous naked children played in
the street, their warm yellow skins
glowing in the bright sunlight. At
one door squatted an old Japanese
woman dressed in an ancient silk
robe while she puffed a curiously
shaped pipe. Another old man
was laboriously writing on a sheet of
paper with a small brush. He show-
ed absolutely no curiosity when I
stopped my car and alighted.

Among the naked children I noticed
some, both boys and girls, of at least
twelve years of age, and could not
help contrasting this with Brazilian
children of the same age. Brazilians
learn modesty (false or otherwise)
very early in life, and would never
dream of going about unclothed.
The Japanese children, however,
were not in the least embarrassed
by their nakedness, and they crowd-
ed round me as I walked along the
street.

At one part I found the village
school, a small building in a large
open space. The children were all
out in the open, seated on the ground
as they waited some lesson after the
teacher. There seemed to be no
lack of discipline, and the children
did not so much as glance in my
direction until the lesson was over.

STATE WITHIN STATE

After that I spoke to the school-
master and explained that I had been
going to Itary, but had seemingly
arrived in Japan. He laughed and
explained in good English that this
was Itary—the Japanese part of it.
The older Brazilian village was a
mile or so along the road.

He told me that the Japanese
colony had been established some
years before, and how he had been
sent with the people to teach the
children. He took me round some
of the houses, and I saw that the
people were living as Japanese in
every sense of the word.

The Brazilian Government had
been very anxious to avoid the estab-
lishment of States within States, and
the Japanese had shown their good
intentions by teaching the children
to sing the Brazilian National
Anthem. But I am afraid that that
was as far as the good intentions
went, for in the Japanese Itary I
saw no signs of the children becom-
ing Brazilians. The schoolmaster
told me quite frankly that he was
paid by the Japanese Government to
maintain a proper sense of national-
ity amongst the Japanese people.

It is not surprising that the Bra-
zilian Government is now anxious
about these large colonies of
foreigners who have no intention of
becoming nationals of the country
they inhabit.

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ACTUAL, visible evidence of
Britain's preparation for the
next war is practically non-
existent. Most of the plans,
possibly 90 per cent., are still on
paper.

A stranger arriving in England
would have a hard job reconciling
any ideas he might have that Britain
is panic-strickenly throwing up the
barriers with the actual facts.
The normal life of the country is
scarcely ruffled. Defence is seldom
a topic of conversation.
Almost the only concrete evidence
the stranger would see to-day are
the trenches, relics of the September
crisis. And they are not much to
look at. Just long banks of upland
earth, marking the symmetry of the
parks, and often as not half-full of
water.

PROTECTION FOR 1,000,000

THEY were crude, hastily contrived
affairs, and the government has
now more or less abandoned them
as a means of protection. It has
ordered that those already dug are
to be reinforced with steel and kept
in good condition, but no more are
to be built. The banks of upland
earth, marking the symmetry of the
parks, and often as not half-full of
water.

The stranger might also see a few
men and women wearing little silver
badges of various shapes in their
button-holes. These are the insignia
of the qualified air raid precautions
workers, or the auxiliary police, or
one of the scores of other volunteer
defence services.

But the stranger would be un-
usually fortunate if he were to meet
one of these workers. In his own
quite wide circle of acquaintance
I know of barely half-a-dozen who
have taken up A.R.P. work. There is
definitely no sign as yet of that
nation-wide response to the govern-
ment's call to national service, for
which it hopes.

NEWSPAPER CRITICISM

THE STRANGER would gather
most of his information from the
newspapers. Not a day passes with-
out some story in all the papers.
Sometimes just a paragraph record-
ing the initiative of some local coun-
cillor. Sometimes a front-page story
on a government announcement.
More often than not, a criticism of
existing conditions.

And always there are advertise-
ments for air-raid protection from
two-line "classified" to full-page
spreads. They offer shelters, shovels,
pails, asbestos suits, wardrobes for
keeping air-raid kit, sand-bags, and
a hundred and one articles that might
be useful in a dug-out.

The shelters range from crude
affairs of corrugated iron over a hole
in the back-yard, which cost about
£1, to de-luxe concrete, pill-boxes,
fully equipped, from £20 upwards.
The shovels and pails are for
handling incendiary bombs. They
followed the government's statement
that every household should be equip-
ped with a long-handled shovel and
a large tin pail. The idea is that if
an incendiary bomb drops in your
parlour you can scoop it into a pail-
ful of sand and rush it out of harm's
way.

Continuing the stranger's adven-
tures; he would undoubtedly em-
barrass nine people out of ten if he
asked them what they had done with
their gas-masks.

Forty million of them were distri-
buted in crisis week. Previously the
government had said that they would
be stored to prevent deterioration.
But after the crisis, it was decided
to let the public take care of them,
and cardboard boxes were to be pro-
vided for them.

Most people threw them into a
cupboard, out of sight and mind.
Others gave them to the children to
play with. A few found them a
satisfactory means of committing
suicide.

One man, at least, destroyed his.
He was summoned for damaging
government property, but the magis-
trate ruled that it was his own prop-
erty, the gift of the government.

There was an order that local
A.R.P. organisations should visit
every household and check up on
their masks, replacing faulty ones,
of which there were many in the
September rush. But this is pre-
(Continued on Page 11)

House Of Commons

"WE ARE MAKING REPRESENTATIONS"

The House of Commons was informed yesterday that recent British representations to Japan covered a wide field of subjects. Replying to questions in the House, Mr. R. A. Butler stated that notes of protest dealing with some 22 cases of damage suffered by British subjects or their property had been addressed to the Japanese Government since the start of the China War.

Apologies had been forthcoming in respect to nine cases, compensation had been paid in four cases, and promises made in respect to three others.

These are some of the subjects dealt with to-day.

"OPEN DOOR"

Questioned regarding the reply to a recent note to the Japanese Government on the subject of the China "open door", Mr. Butler answered that the note recorded the Government's attitude to the Far Eastern situation in the light of official Japanese statements of policy.

No reply had been received, and the question of sending one would be a matter for the Japanese Government to decide.

BRITISH HOSPITAL BOMBING

Regarding the bombing of the Jenkins Hospital in Sian, Mr. Butler stated that the hospital suffered three direct hits, and much damage was caused to adjoining buildings.

These premises were clearly marked with two Union Jacks. One Chinese nurse had been killed, but no other members of the hospital staff were reported to be unharmed.

A strong protest was being made to the Japanese Government, with the right to claim compensation reserved.

CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS

Questioned as to the Japanese demand for 32 places in the Canton customs, Mr. Butler answered that the Foreign Secretary was aware of the suggestion, but had no indication of the exact extent of acceptance. In any case, His Majesty's Government had made it clear throughout that in their view the changes made in the Chinese Maritime Customs personnel was among the temporary measures which must be the subject of reconsideration at the termination of the present hostilities.

TIENSIN BLOCKADE

In a statement on the situation in Tientsin, Mr. Butler said that the British Ambassador to Tokyo had addressed a note to the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs on March 4, in which he pointed out the scrupulously correct attitude of the British authorities at Tientsin, drew attention to the various actions directed against the British concessions there, and requested an early instruction to ensure moderation in attitude on the part of the local Japanese authorities.

Mr. Noel Baker (Lab): Would it be correct to say that the British Concession has gradually become a Japanese concentration camp?

Mr. Butler: No, it would not, but the seriousness of the situation is in no way minimised by my answer.

SEIZURE OF MILLS

Mr. Butler said that the Chuntah Mill at Soochow was occupied on behalf of a Japanese textile company, and access was denied to the rightful British owners.

Renewed representations had recently been made by the British Ambassador in Tokyo in consequence of which the Japanese Government had sent fresh instructions, to the local authorities at Shanghai which would be sufficient to ensure an impetus towards a settlement.

Asked if he were aware that this was only one of many instances of confiscation of British property by the Japanese, Mr. Butler said that he was aware of the difficulties, but in this particular case he had described the steps which he hoped would lead to a settlement.

YANGTSE SHIPPING

Mr. A. C. Moreing asked whether the Prime Minister was aware that more than 100 British subjects at Hankow were requiring passage to Shanghai, in addition to those who, for business reasons, desired to proceed from Shanghai to Hankow, and what arrangements would they be able to make for speedy transport.

Mr. Butler, in reply, declared that Viscount Halifax was fully aware of the position, which at present was under active consideration.

Mr. Moreing:—Is he aware that British ships are not allowed to carry out lawful trading on the Yangtze, and that British subjects are not allowed to travel in Japanese ships; and will he consider consulting the Admiral commanding the China Station to see what steps can be taken to open this international highway?

Mr. Butler: We have already been in touch with the officer in question in view of the importance of the matter.

CURRENCY LAWS

Britain was making representations to Japan that the recent Japanese currency regulations in China are likely to interfere with legitimate British trade interests.

Making this announcement, Mr. Butler said it was explained that the Provisional Government of China had announced that from March 11, the export of 12 specified commodities would not be permitted unless foreign exchange proceeds are sold against Federal Reserve Notes at 75:25.

These commodities together, according to a high proportion of the export trade in northern China.

Refugee Ship Aground

London, Mar. 13. A steamer which is carrying 700 Jewish emigrants is reported to have run aground off the island of Crete.

A message from Bucharest says that the passengers who embarked at the Rumanian port of Constanta had been promised that they would be smuggled into Palestine. After sailing a number of days, mainly off the coast of Palestine, they have now been taken off the stranded steamer.—Reuter Bulletin.

Soviet-Russia

POLICY IS MADE CLEAR

Congress Statement

London, Mar. 13.

The fight against capitalism and Fascism by mobilisation of Marxist movement in all countries will continue to govern the foreign policy of the Comintern, declared M. Manuilski, Chairman of the Soviet delegation in the Executive Committee of the Comintern, in an address delivered before the Communist Party Congress now in session here.

Since the last Congress in 1935 the number of professed Communists in all countries excepting the Soviet Union had grown by 340,000 to 1,200,000. This did not include Communist youth organisations abroad whose membership had increased to 740,000.

The Comintern had, therefore, he said, an army of 2,000,000 organised members abroad and a potential strength to date, if one included the mass of unorganised communists, of 15 to 20 times this figure.

Spain had provided the biggest increase, although the French Communist Party had in the last five years increased its membership from 40,000 to 270,000 and could not count on 1,500,000 supporters at all.

The Communist Party in the United States had grown until it was five times what it was in the year 1935.

The Comintern, he declared, would conduct a more active policy in future. Increased pressure would be exerted on the democratic Powers, notably England, France and the United States.—Trans-Ocean.

India

Princes And Rulers Study Problems

New Delhi, Mar. 13. The Viceroy, Lord Linlithgow, at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Princes, urged the rulers of the States to make it their constant care to watch and remedy legitimate grievances in the administrative field. He said that no one has succeeded in devising a more satisfactory method in dealing with the problem of the Indian States than the federation scheme.

Fifty princes and ruling chiefs attended the meeting.—Reuter Special.

Burma

Japanese Have Price On Heads

Tokyo, Mar. 13. Prices ranging from 1,000 to 5,000 are set on the heads of Japanese residents and members of the Japanese Consulate, including the Consul himself, by Chinese anti-Japanese societies in Burma, according to Mr. Toyohi Kaneko, Japanese Consul at Rangoon, who returned here to-day.

Appreciation of the efforts made by the Burmese police authorities to protect members of the Japanese Consulate was expressed by Mr. Kaneko.

The bonded warehouses at Rangoon were full of arms and ammunition destined for China, including 5,000 tons of war materials which were loaded by the British steamer Stanhope on November 6, last year.

Actual transit of arms and ammunition to China through Burma did not amount to much due to the failure to pay import duties on the part of the Chinese.

He added that there were rumours that the arms being transported to China through Burma were often seized by bandits in the western part of Yunnan Province.—Domei.

Spelling Bee

How many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

winnow, volatle, ocellate, will-o'-the-whip, osculate, English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 14, 1889.

The Paris correspondent of the San Francisco Chronicle interviewed Professor Pasteur in the Institute building, on the Rue Saint-Roch, which public subscription has elected in his honour, and as a home for the great scientist.

"I think I will be able to give pleasant news to the New World. My able assistants, Drs. Roux and Yersin, have discovered the germ of the terrible disease diphtheria, which ravages in winter your large cities, I believe, in a more virulent form than it does any other part of the world. Taking the morbid tissue from the throat of a victim, several animals have been inoculated with it, and all died in due course with a disease having the objective symptoms of diphtheria.

"This is how we stand—we have found the deadly germ, but we have not as yet secured a prophylactic for its cure or prevention. My conference is now at work solving this problem. From the success so far in this original field of research, I have little doubt that an inoculating fluid will be forthcoming. We have vaccinated and cured. We can give any number of rabbits or dogs the diphtheria and kill them as effectively as though they had caught it that hand in the regular course of events.

"We have not, however, succeeded yet in attenuating the virus, and so cannot inoculate. I wish you would lay great stress on this point, because I am afraid a whole shipload will be coming over to secure by a visit to the Institute Pasteur immunity from diphtheritic infection. Tell them that the vaccine is not yet, but perhaps will be in summer."

M. Pasteur then turned to the inspection of his glass tubes, filled with great care, and containing a small quantity of the vaccine or serum, of many diseases which flesh is heir to, and remarked, with a smile, "Our children are in luck. It will be much pleasanter to live in the twentieth century, when epidemics will be done away with."

25 YEARS AGO

March 14, 1914.

Mrs. Pankhurst is incarcerated at Holloway gaol, which is picketed by suffragists.

Special telegrams from Stockholm say that according to the Stockholm "Blight King of Sweden" the situation of the King of Sweden in favour of his son is imminent. Several Swedish newspapers declare that the recent controversy between the King and the Prime Minister is brought about intentionally by the King, in order to effect a complete rupture with the Liberal Cabinet.

Aviation still claims its victims. Yesterday we reported the death of a noted British military officer, Captain Downer, and to-day news came by telegraph that Captain Allen and Lieutenant Burroughs have met a similar fate while flying over Salisbury Plain. Truly the joys of aviation are not without their dangers. There will, of course, be folk who will argue that in putting themselves against nature, these men are needlessly throwing their lives away. But this is a weak standpoint to take. If universally adopted, such an argument would put an end to all progress and advancement in science. We all expect the ever-recurring fatalities, as we all do, but that is the price we have to pay. The day will come when the art of flying will be finally solved, then mishaps such as we now report will be few and far between.

Hongkong Volunteer Corps orders by Lieut. Col. W. McIntyre joined on the 4th instant, allotted Corps No. 1408 and posted to Scouts Coy. Mr. A. G. W. Tickle joined on the 6th instant, allotted Corps No. 1407 posted to Civil Service Coy.

Attached—Col. Sgt. L. H. Murphy, Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps, is attached to the 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry, Trooper E. Wilken, Rangoon Mounted Rifles, is attached to the Scouts Coy, from 6th instant.

Leave—Sergeant T. Sutherland is granted leave from March 11, 1914, to December 12, 1914. Pte. E. W. Petley is granted leave from March 10, 1914, to April 10, 1914. Pte. E. J. L. is granted leave from March 6, 1914, to September 6, 1914. LeCpl. N. Goldenberg is granted leave from March 31, 1914, to March 31, 1915.

Resigned—Sergeant G. B. McCormick is permitted to resign.

10 YEARS AGO

March 14, 1929.

Major H. O. D. Segrave's tremendous adventurous experiment in quest for speed has proved a triumphantly successful one. The famous British racing motorist to-day setting a new world record for speed on land at Daytona Beach, Florida, in "The Golden Arrow". The attained an average speed for the flying mile in both directions of 231.26240 miles per hour!

With the continuance of the spell of dry weather, the Colony's water shortage problem is engaging the further serious consideration of the authorities. The water supply is now at a low stage, and supply in storage on the island and, in connexion with the scheme to erect tanks in the western part of the city for the storage of water brought from the Kowloon side, we learn that there will eventually be four of such tanks erected, if necessary.

5 YEARS AGO

March 14, 1934.

That the Sanitary Department will be going thoroughly into the hygienic condition of houses in slum districts was indicated at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when the principal officers of the second and third floors of No. 108 Canton Road were summoned, before Mr. Wynne-Jones, for allowing their premises to live on the premises than allowed by law.

Senior Sanitary Inspector Reid told the Court that there were 29 adults and 10 children living in the second floor, and 24 adults and 11 children on the third. Both these floors were entitled to have only 13 adults altogether, two children counting as one adult.

When he visited the premises, Inspector Reid went on, he found some of the children lying on the floor, some under the beds and others all over the place. The floors were far too crowded. The Sanitary Department was aware of the overcrowded condition of some of the houses in Kowloon, but only in the last few days had it been brought to the attention of the Court.

His Worship:—It is not that there is a shortage of houses on this side of the harbour.

Inspector Reid:—No, your Worship. There are plenty of vacant houses over here.

Week-End Snow Causes Deaths

New York, Mar. 13.

During the week-end, snow and sleet caused six deaths, grounded all aeroplanes and endangered the highways.

A 200 mile wide sleet belt, bordered by snow on one side and rain on the other, extended from Chicago to the East Coast. Sudden floods were caused in Nebraska, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio owing to the melting snow, highways and lowlands being inundated and bridges wrecked.

The authorities along the Ohio and Missouri rivers stated that there was, however, no danger of a serious flood.—United Press.

In Memory Of Dr. Sun Yat-sen

Chungking Ceremony

Chungking, Mar. 13.

The 14th anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Father of the Chinese Republic, was solemnly observed by Chinese throughout the country yesterday.

Mass meetings were held in practically all cities, including Chungking, Chengtu, Kweiyang, Wuchow, Kunming, Changsha, Yunnanling, Hengyang, Nanchang, Shanghai, Loyang, Sian and Lanchow.

In Chungking the occasion was observed by the government leaders at a memorial service held at the auditorium of the National Government Headquarters. More than 400 people, including Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, were present, with Chairman Lin Sen officiating. Mr. Chu Cheng, President of the Judicial Yuan, spoke on how to perpetuate the memory of Dr. Sun by furthering the war of resistance.

Despite Japanese control, the Chinese in Shanghai fittingly commemorated the occasion. All Chinese shops in the International Settlement and the French Concession halted their National Flags, and several amusement establishments voluntarily suspended business for one day. At noon, all the Chinese in the city observed a three-minute silence as a token of mourning for the late Dr. Sun and the fallen heroes in the present war.

At Chengtu, Yunnanling, Sian and Lanchow a publicity week for the second phase of the war was launched yesterday along with the commemoration.

Dr. Sun's death anniversary being also named by the National Government as National Arbor Day, trees were planted yesterday following the memorial services.—Central News.

Message by Chiang.

The general spiritual mobilisation of the Chinese nation began yesterday.

In a message to the people, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek declared the commencement of the spiritual preparedness of the nation on the most solemn occasion of the fourteenth anniversary of the death of the late Founder of the Chinese Republic and the Kuomintang Party, Leader in which the overwhelming strength of the spiritual was emphasised, and declared that he clearly recognises that the spiritual mobilisation of the people is the base on which the re-building of a new army and a new nation, and victory, should rest.

The Generalissimo referred to the Japanese aggression and explained how far short of its ultimate goal the Chinese national revolution still falls. The reason lay in the fact that the Chinese did not keep their spiritual strength awake, or that, despite temporary exertions, they lacked perseverance and constant exercise.

The Generalissimo pointed out that the mad idea of corrupting the integrity of the Chinese people is still being toyed in Japan. The existence of this idea itself, he said, should be deemed as an impediment of the spiritual solidarity of the Chinese nation.

From now on, with the commencement of the general mobilisation, Generalissimo Chiang said, all the people must help develop the revolutionary spirit as exemplified by the late Party Leader for the eventual re-birth of the nation.

The triple guiding principles of the people, he said, should be nation and race over all, military and victory first and foremost, and ideas and ideals in unison.—Central News.

MARRIAGE STAGE

WAKENDA, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll Holloway began their married life 65 years ago with a Bible, a feather bed, a frying pan, an axe and a shotgun. They still have all the articles, and believe that most young couples would get along all right if they could start out with such a stake.

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RECORDS TOPPLE IN FIFTH CRICKET TEST MATCH

M.C.C. WELL ON WAY TO GREAT PERFORMANCE

EDRICH MAKES AMENDS FOR PAST FAILURES

The M.C.C. tourists in South Africa are well on the way to putting up the highest score ever made in a fourth innings. Set to make 696 in order to win in the Final Test, now being played at Durban, the English cricketers had scored 496 for the loss of only three wickets at close of play yesterday, and now need only 200 runs with seven wickets in hand.

As it is, the M.C.C. have already broken the record fourth innings total in a Test, 411 made by England against Australia at Sydney in the 1924-25 series—in spite of this England lost by 193 runs—but they are still 76 behind the 572 made by New South Wales against South Australia at Sydney in the 1907-8 season.

A record partnership in Test matches between England and South Africa was established by Gubb and Edrich to-day when they brought the M.C.C. second innings score in the Final Test to 333 for 1 at lunch time. The previous record was held by Sutcliffe and Tyldesley, whose partnership at Johannesburg in the 1927-28 tour produced 230 runs.

It was a glorious wicket which was rolled out well, although slightly worn in spots, when the spectators began to gather this morning. Walter Hammond, M.C.C. captain, was in no mood to take any chances and warned the spectators through a loudspeaker not to approach the wicket, which showed signs of cracking.

The batsmen were very slow at the start, only nine runs being scored in 30 minutes. Gubb reached his century in 302 minutes and he had then hit a five and two fours. It took 310 minutes of batting to bring the total to 301. The partnership yielded 200 in 244 minutes. Gubb had then scored 105 and Edrich 128. Edrich was in great form and delighted the spectators with his grand driving. He punished all except Langton, who kept a good length. When the lunch adjournment came the score was 333 for 1. Gubb had 112 to his credit and Edrich 152, which included 17 fours.

There was a crowd of 3,000 when the match was resumed. After adding 25 runs to the total Gubb was bowled by Dalton, a top spinner, taking his middle stump, 358 for 2. Gubb made 123 in a solid innings, lasting 451 minutes. The partnership yielded 280 runs, which was the biggest in the British-South African Tests, beating the feat of Hobbs and Sutcliffe of 268 at Lord's in 1924.

Edrich, with crisp driving sent three to the boundary. His total at the tea interval was 215, including 23 fours. Hammond, who joined Edrich, had 34, with the total at 442 for 2. W. J. Edrich, who had failed so often in the past in Test matches, jumped into his best form in this Test, and took his Friday's score of 107 to 210 before being dismissed yesterday.

Edrich's great innings terminated shortly after tea. He was caught at silly leg by Gordon, who dived low to make the catch, off Langton's bowling. The score stood at 447. Edrich had made amends at last for his many past failures. He scored 219 in a brilliant innings, which occupied 435 minutes. He gave no chance at all during all this time and featured his play with sound on driving. He hit 25 fours. Hammond reached his 50 in 132 minutes, hitting three fours. He and Paynter were very cautious in poor light and stumps were drawn with the English total at 496 for

three wickets, Hammond having 58 not out and Paynter 24 not out.

South Africa—First Innings . . . 530
Second Innings . . . 481
M.C.C.—First Innings . . . 310
M.C.C.—2ND INNS.

Hutton, b Mitchell . . . 55
Gibb, b Dalton . . . 129
Edrich, c Gordon, b Langton . . . 152
Hammond, not out . . . 58
Paynter, not out . . . 24
Extras . . . 20

Total (for 3 wickets) . . . 496

Fall of wickets:—1 (Hutton) for 88; 2 (Gibb) for 358; 3 (Edrich) for 447.

CAHN'S TOURISTS

The cricket Test between New Zealand and Sir Julien Cahn's XI was reduced to one day owing to rain.

New Zealand declared at 170 for 5. Wallace being 54 not out. Ongley 35 and Whitelaw 26 were in the opening partnership which produced 50. Wallis took 4 for 57.

The tourists scored 103 for 7. Dempster made 44. Oldfield, 42 not out, and Watts, 32, made 70 between them for the sixth wicket. Cowie took 3 for 40.—Reuter.

Tennis Programme For To-day

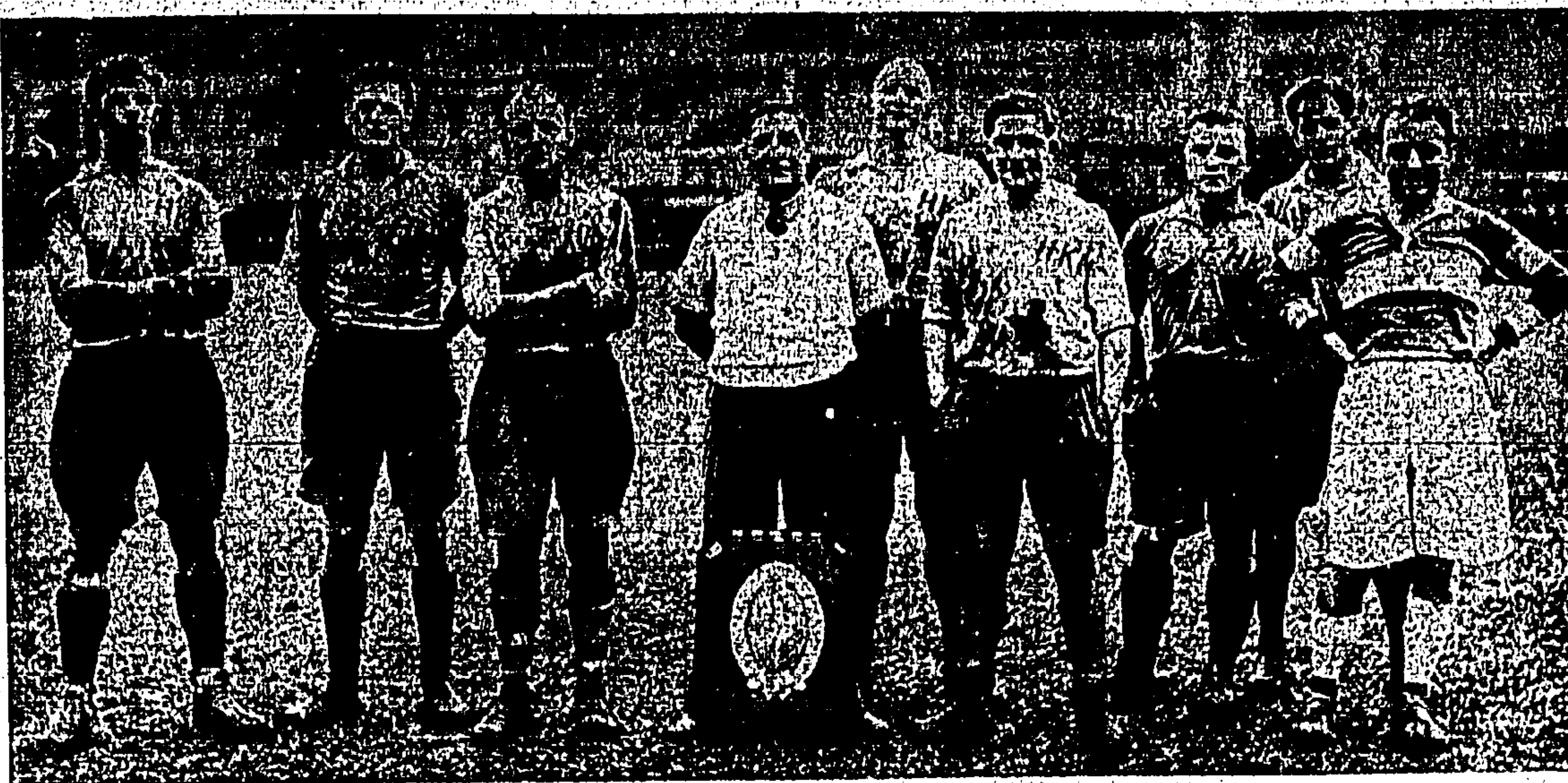
If the ground is in a fit state for play, the tennis championships at the Hongkong C.C. will be resumed this afternoon. There has been no play since Thursday.

The programme arranged for to-day is as follows:

Open Singles
S. W. Liang v. M. A. E. Mackay
P. H. Kwok v. P. S. Leong
Luk Chan-cheong v. C. R. Bax
T. A. Pearce v. W. K. Ma
Open Doubles
Chan Kam-moon v. I. M. A. Razack and Wong Fuk-nam
S. A. Rumbhah v. Lee Wai-tong and H. B. Rumbhah
J. W. Leonard v. Paul Kong and George Choa

Manchester City Defeated

London, Mar. 13. In the second division of the English Football League, Millwall, at home, to-day defeated Manchester City by three goals to one.—Reuter.



Muddy, dishevelled but triumphant, the Police "Sevens" rugby team posed for this picture after beating P. and O. Building and Another in the final of the Seven-a-Side Tournament at Happy Valley on Saturday. Left to right:—B. C. Fay, L. Oakley, G. S. Wilson (Capt.), Sgt. Ridley, D. H. Taylor, E. W. Luscombe, L. A. Searle, H. W. E. Heath and Dr. J. A. R. Selby (Referee).—Photo by Mee Cheung.

Clare Head Of River For First Time

London, Feb. 19. The Lent races concluded at Cambridge yesterday when there was a very good attendance on the towing path, particularly in the vicinity of Ditton.

The day's bumps totalled 25, making a grand total of 102 for the four days. Clare remained head of the river, a position they have never reached before, and gained their ears. Other crews to gain their ears by going up four or more places were Trinity Hall, Magdalene, King's, Emmanuel III, and Sidney Sussex III. The head of the river crew are F. H. Jackson (bow), W. S. Hacking, P. A. J. Lewis, D. E. Stevenson, R. A. Peckles-Brown, W. M. Turnbull, M. L. Quartermaine, G. N. Horton (stroke), and F. E. Whipp (cox). Following the time-honoured customs, the coxswain was thrown into the river when the crew returned to their boathouse.

Five bumps were made in the top division yesterday, and Clare remained head without any difficulty. Jesus were some distance away but were in no great danger from Pembroke, who were bumped by Trinity Hall at the Glasshouse after a splendid race. Lady Margaret bumped Selwyn quite early at First Post Corner, but Jesus II had to go right in the railway bridge before catching First Trinity.

St. Catharine's and Christ's rowed over well apart, but Corpus Christi were unable to withstand a strong challenge from the victorious Magdalene, who bumped them at Ditton Corner and gained their ears. Queen's and Emmanuel had a splendid race over the later stages of the course, but no bump was recorded. King however, who had rowed in the previous division, did well to bump Calus at First Post Corner and gain their ears.

Rugby League Cup Draw

London, Mar. 13. The draw of the Rugby League Cup semi-finals resulted as follows: Halifax or Wakefield v. Wigan, Salford. These matches will be played on April 1.—Reuter.

Here And There With "Abe"

Police Rugger Seven Win In Their Second Attempt

IN their second attempt, the Police rugger players on Saturday were able to walk off with the Blarney Stone Shield in the Seven-a-Side Tournament at Happy Valley, beating the P. and O. Building and Another in the final by 8-3. While it is true that this is only the second year in which they have competed in the Tournament, some of their players have been playing rugger in the Colony for quite a long time.

G. S. Wilson, H. W. E. Heath and E. W. Luscombe, for instance, have been turning out for the Club sides more or less regularly during the last couple of seasons, but B. C. Fay, L. A. Searle, D. H. Taylor and L. Oakley are playing their first season of rugger in Hongkong, though, judging by their displays since the Police were able to field a full-fledged team some weeks ago, they must have had a great deal of experience of the game at home. There is no doubt that the Police seven, who were extremely well-balanced, fully deserved their success; yet it was a pity that P. and O. had the misfortune of losing J. T. Brown, their full-back, so shortly after the commencement of the game in the final.

With Brown in the side, the P. and O. would have had a great chance of romping home; for in W. E. Grieve and H. D. Bidwell, they had the most dangerous pair of three-quarters in the Tournament. But with Brown out of the team, Bidwell had to concentrate more on defence and his effectiveness in attack was thus necessarily reduced.

Well-Matched

BUT if Bidwell's attacking opportunities were few, he was kept busy in defence by the many breakaways of Wilson and Taylor, the Police backs, in the final match. As our rugger correspondent, "Fly-Hut," remarked yesterday, "It is doubtful whether Wilson has ever played better rugger in Hongkong than he did on Saturday. It was he who started many of the Police movements but if he started them, it was Taylor who finished them. The latter, weighing over 15 stone, possessing a very long stride and a vicious hand-off, was a most difficult man to stop. Whenever he was in possession, the Police always seemed likely to score. The only man who could cope with him was Bidwell, who tackled extremely well throughout the whole afternoon. On at least two occasions when Taylor seemed certain of scoring, Bidwell crashed into him in the only effective manner—low and hard—and was able to prevent a score. Nevertheless right to the end, Taylor was the Police's main hope, and he justified their confidence by scoring the winning try.

Splendid Record

HAD P. and O. won the Blarney Stone Shield, W. E. Peers, a member of the team, would have improved on a record which is already very difficult indeed to equal, let alone beat. From 1932, when the Seven-a-Side Tournament was instituted, till 1938, the Blarney Stone Shield had been won every year, except 1934, by a Club team, and Peers was a member of every

successful Sevens team from 1932 to 1938. If P. and O. had won, he would have been a member of seven winning teams out of eight in the history of the Tournament. No other player approaches anywhere near him for such consistency.

Soccer Omission

A RECENT incident at Newcastle revealed an omission in the laws of soccer. What happens when the referee is injured? Should he immediately blow his whistle, if capable of doing so, or should the game continue until the ball has gone out of play? During the Newcastle game with Coventry when neither side had scored Bowden, the Newcastle inside-left, shot hard for goal. The ball knocked over C. Booth flat on his back, and while he lay on the ground, Stubbins sent the ball into the net. No goal was allowed. After the game was over Mr. Booth explained that when he was hit on the jaw by the ball, realising that he was in a condition to carry on, he immediately blew his whistle for play to stop.

Ask Linesmen

OPINION as to whether the referee was right is divided. Those who think he was wrong argue that if a ball strikes a referee during play, nothing happens. The game goes on. If he is hurt, as in this case, when the same law should apply to him as it does to a player, unless enough to be knocked out. Law 5 states that if a player is only slightly injured the game shall not be stopped until the ball has gone out of play. After all, they add, there are two linesmen watching what is going on. One of their duties is to assist the referee to control the game (Law 6). They are advised by the F.A. to note everything that is happening in case the referee should miss anything or be unsighted. His supporters point out that the referee is the sole judge of fact.

Another Incident

HERE'S another peculiar incident, but this occurred on the cricket field. In a recent match played in the local Junior League, a bowler appealed for a catch behind the stumps. The umpire ruled the batsman not out. But, probably carried away by the excitement of the moment, a fielder appealed to the square-leg umpire who, without hesitation, gave the batsman out. As both umpires were members of the batting side, no question of bias entered into the matter; but the square-leg umpire certainly had no business to over-ride the decision of his colleague. Law 47 states quite clearly, "The umpire at the bowler's wicket shall be appealed to before the other umpire in all cases, except those of stumping, hit wicket, run out at the striker's wicket, or arising out of Law 42, but in any case in which an umpire is unable to give a decision he shall appeal to the official at the bowler's wicket, and the latter having already ruled the batsman not out in this case, he (square-leg umpire) should not have given any decision at all. This is another instance of what sort of umpiring we get in junior cricket here.

Badminton

St. Andrew's Lose Hopes Of Winning Title

St. Andrew's "A" lost all hopes of winning the "B" Division Badminton Championship last evening when, playing against St. John's on the latter's court, they were defeated by 6-3.

This defeat of St. Andrew's "A" means that Chung Wah, with only two defeats against them, should win the League Championship as they have only five more comparatively easy matches to play.

St. Andrew's "B" were beaten once again last night, losing to Club de Recreio by 8-1.

ST. JOHN'S v. ST. ANDREW'S "A"

F. H. Kwok and D. Kwok (St. John's) beat W. M. Gillies and A. E. Brown 21-15; beat W. C. Choy and F. V. Wong 21-14; lost to E. F. Fincher and H. Kew 14-21.

N. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's) beat Gillies and Brown 21-17; beat Choy and Wong 21-14; beat Fincher and Kew 23-22.

R. Beavan and R. Koh (St. John's) lost to Gillies and Brown 11-21; beat Choy and Wong 21-10; lost to Fincher and Kew 7-21.

ST. ANDREW'S "B" v. RECREIO

C. C. Pereira and C. Marques (Recreio) lost to S. Darby and L.

Only One Badminton Match To-day

Only one match is down for decision in the Open Badminton Championships at Talkoo this evening.

The tie is in the doubles in which P. S. Buri and M. S. Lim will meet D. and F. H. Kwok, starting at 8 p.m.

The Senior Singles match between M. A. Oliveira and K. L. Yong, originally fixed to be played off this evening as well, has been postponed to next Tuesday.

Gibson 14-21; beat W. Knox and S. A. Broadbridge 24-20; beat J. Tomlinson and L. Avery 21-14.

A. E. Xavier and J. Fonseca (Recreio) beat Darby and Gibson 21-14; beat Knox and Broadbridge 24-19; beat Tomlinson and Avery 21-15.

J. de Sousa and P. Yvanovich (Recreio) beat Darby and Gibson 21-13; beat Knox and Broadbridge 21-10; beat Tomlinson and Avery 21-5.

LEAGUE TABLE
P. W. L. F. A. Pts.
St. John's . . . 18 13 5 105 39 26
St. Andrew's . . . 14 11 3 88 36 22
Chung Wah . . . 13 11 2 78 39 22
K. Tong "A" . . . 16 12 4 90 65 22
Recreio . . . 10 8 8 78 68 16
Wanderer . . . 14 7 7 68 68 16
K. Tong "B" . . . 12 4 8 45 45 8
V.R.C. . . . 13 4 9 41 70 8
St. Andrew's "B" . . . 13 1 12 16 92 2
S. and S. Home . . . 14 1 13 17 100 2

afternoon between Macao's 1st eleven and the All India team from Hongkong was unavoidably postponed owing to the indisposition of four of Macao's players.—Our Own Correspondent.

Hockey

R. Engineers Beaten By Macao XI

A very interesting game of hockey was played here this afternoon between the Royal Engineers and Macao's 2nd eleven. Much enthusiasm was evidenced throughout and at the close of play the score was four goals to one in favour of Macao.

Macao's forward line was particularly conspicuous and Gonçalves and G. Silva worked well together. Play was extremely fast from the outset with the local forwards pressing. Borges registered in the 10th minute. Thereafter, Macao's superiority was more marked. Borges was responsible for the next goal, and G. Silva netted the third. Before the interval, Gonçalves made a spectacular break-through to score.

The Engineers were seen more to advantage in the second half. Croston, pivot and Shaw shone in defence. The ball was kept mostly in Macao territory and the Engineers seemed to be attacking mainly from the right flank. Macao's custodian, Sarmiento, was kept busy but he proved equal to the situation. Five minutes before the final whistle, the Engineers scored through Fishlock.

Royal Engineers: Heath, Saxby, Whitaker, Shaw, Croston (Capt.), Bowling, Fishlock, Denyer, Elsley, Homburg, Fox.
Macao: Sarmiento, Basto, V. Rosario, Noronha, J. Silva, Bantista, Borges, G. Silva, Gonçalves (Capt.), Angelo, C. Rosario.

OTHER MATCHES

A match was played on Friday, March 10, between H.M.S. Cleland and Macao's second division, the result being six goals to nil for Macao. The Cleland's soccer team engaged a local eleven yesterday.

The hockey match which had been scheduled to be played here this

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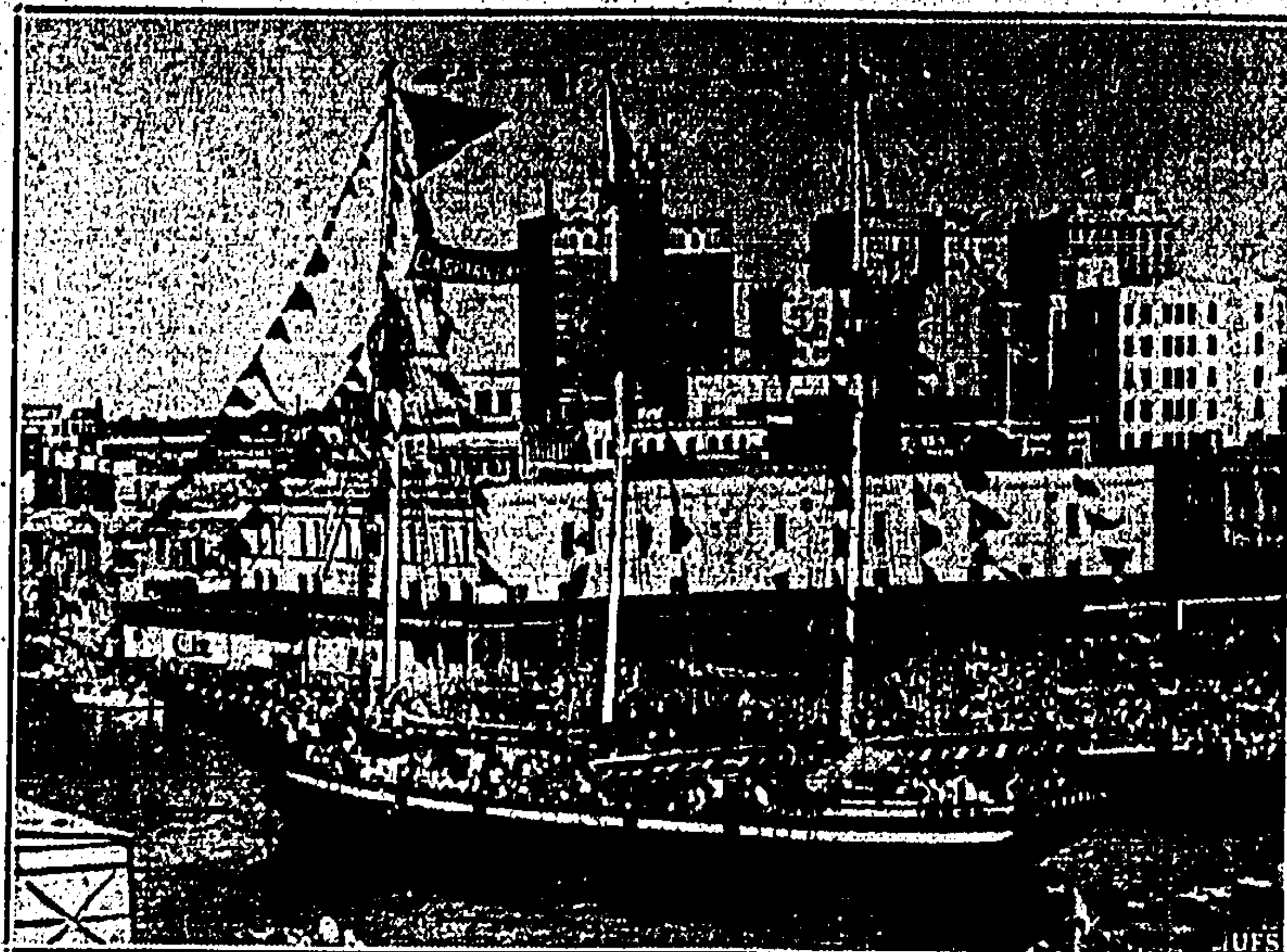
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France attempted to supply thousands of Catalans with food and medical supplies, as refugees clamoured to cross the Spanish-French border, ahead of the advance of the insurgent troops. Here are Spanish youngsters being fed by Mobile Guardsmen at P. P. P. Note the boy, second from right, who dips into his neighbour's dish for a dainty that catches his fancy. Thousands were reported hungry and dirty in the Pyrenees district.



Arriving in New York from Bermuda aboard the Bermuda Clipper, next ship to make the flight after the Cavalier went down, are Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson, wife of the Cavalier's first officer, who survived, and Captain Griffiths J. Powell, Imperial Airways manager. Mechanic Edward Steadman, right, was left behind by Cavalier's crew on ill-fated flight.



Mrs. Rena Mooney, wife of the former San Quentin prisoner, Tom Mooney, just after she collapsed in San Francisco when she was told that her husband planned to separate from her. Mooney, in prison 22½ years as a convicted parade bomber, told newspapermen: "The lives of Mrs. Mooney and myself are now and have been for the past 16 years totally incommunicable." Mrs. Mooney was credited with untiring efforts to get her husband liberated.



Trend of the times in Mexico City is seen in the recent experience of Jacob Glantz, left, president of the Jewish Chamber of Commerce and one of Mexico's most influential Jews. Pushed by a salesman, Glantz struck back with a cane and 100 police rescued him in the ensuing riot.

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BRITAIN PREPARES FOR WAR

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gressing very slowly, its speed regulated by the enthusiasm of local service.

MANY MASKS USELESS

IN THE London suburb of Islington, however, it has already been discovered that 7,000 out of 80,000 masks are useless. Either the rubber had perished, the men was censored, or small holes had developed. They have been replaced.

Any night, the stranger would see searchlights criss-crossing the sky. It is the anti-aircraft units training. He might also happen to be in one of the occasional "black-outs".

The scope of these very according to the local resources and enthusiasm. In one provincial town they threw bags of red, yellow and green powder from a speeding automobile to denote different kinds of bombs.

Most districts officially report their "black-outs" as 100 per cent. successful.

And that's about all the stranger would see. He would hear, though, of the plans for providing shelters for the poor; of the evacuation plans; the defences of the Port of London; the food and transport plans; and a dozen other schemes; some the government's, others local authorities', which are being put into effect, or will be in an emergency.

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No fire insurance has been effected.

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Hongkong, 11th March, 1939.

TRADE DELEGATION

London, Mar. 13.

The Federation of British Industries delegation which is visiting Germany to discuss trade problems with the German industrialists left London to-day.

The leader of the delegation, Mr. P. Bennett, who is President of the Federation, said that he expected the talks to last two or three days.

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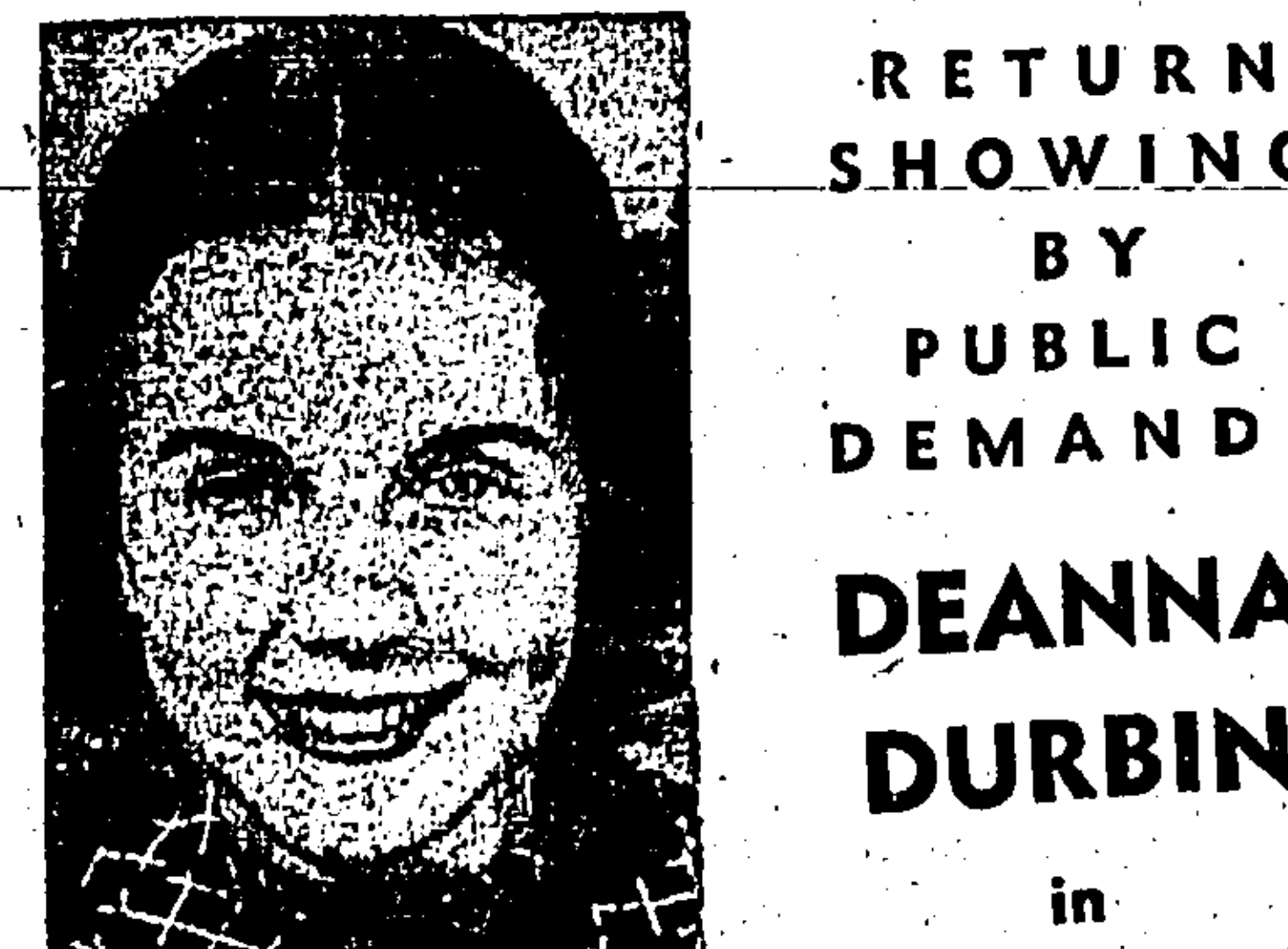
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RANGOON-CHUNGKING Reconstruction at Lashio Holds Up Start

Owing to the inadequacy of the landing field at Lashio, Shan States, the start of the air service between Rangoon and Chungking has been delayed until later this month, according to the local office of the C.N.A.C.

It is understood that R.A.F. officials and others are now surveying the field, which is considered too short and bumpy for safe landings. Reconstruction by coolies and general levelling-off is already in hand.

Both Imperial Airways and C.N.A.C. have already made test flights over the route to Kunning.

Start of Hanoi Service
Chungking, Mar. 13.
The China National Aviation Corporation to-day said the direct mail and passenger air-line between Chungking and Hanoi, a test flight of which was successfully carried out last Wednesday, will be inaugurated on March 14 with giant Douglas planes.

They said the journey can be covered in a single day with a brief stop over at Kunning. The fare for the journey is 450 yuan.

The C.N.A.C. said the aerodrome at Lashio is still in the course of being expanded, and that the smallness of that aerodrome is the only reason for the delay in the inauguration of the Chungking-Rangoon air-line. They also said the Corporation had enough material and facilities to open the Chungking-Rangoon service soon, as the expansion of the Lashio field would soon be completed.

Within a few weeks' time Chungking is expected to be in contact with the outside world by four air routes, namely the Chungking-Hongkong line which connects with Pan-American's trans-Pacific service, the Chungking-Hanoi line connecting with Air France, the Chungking-Rangoon line connecting with Imperial Airways and the Chungking-Hankow line with a Soviet service to Moscow.—United Press.

Trial Flight First
Chungking, Mar. 13.
The Chungking-Hanoi air service operated by the C.N.A.C. will be inaugurated to-morrow, a trial flight by a Douglas plane on March 8 having proved satisfactory.

Planes flying between Chungking and Hanoi will stop over at Kunning.—Central News.

JAPANESE SERVICE Former C.N.A.C. Route To Be Flown

Shanghai, Mar. 13.
A regular air service to link North and Central China will be inaugurated on March 14 by the China Aviation Company.

The new route connects Shanghai with Peiping via Nanking, Hsuechow, Tientsin. Two return flights will be made daily between Shanghai and Nanking, while one return flight will be made between Nanking and Peiping each day.

The plane starting from Shanghai at 9.30 a.m. reaches Peiping at 3 p.m. The charge for the Shanghai-Peiping trip is \$170.—Dome.

AIR SERVICES Arrivals and Departures Of Plane

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For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. March 14. Imperial Airways 7 a.m. March 17.
For U.S.A. via Manila, Guam, Honolulu: Philippine Clipper 8.30 a.m. March 18.
For Chungking, etc.: Eurasia and C.N.A.C. service indefinite.
For France, via Hanoi: Air France 8.30 a.m. March 18.

Inward
From London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. March 15.
From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Service indefinite.
From U.S.A. via Honolulu, Guam, Manila: Philippine Clipper 12.30 p.m. March 17.
From France, via Hanoi: Air France, 12.30 March 16.

OWN COFFIN

BROCKTON, Mass.
Though Charles A. Lapman, 69, never was a Boy Scout, his motto apparently is: "Be Prepared." He recently finished building his own casket—lined with blue and trimmed with gold.

Britain And The League Value Of Geneva Work Stressed

LONDON, Mar. 13.
THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S attitude to the present constitution of the League of Nations was outlined by Mr. Butler in reply to questions today in the House of Commons.

Mr. Butler said that although circumstances in the past had imposed on the League tasks beyond its powers, the British Government was fully aware of the value of the League's organisation for the furtherance of international consultation and collaboration, and it would neglect no practical means of maintaining and extending its usefulness.

Britain does not, at the present, propose to suggest any alteration in the League's constitution or its constitutional objects.—Reuter.

Japan's South Sea Fortifications

Washington, Mar. 13.
The Senate was informed to-day that the Senate Naval Affairs Committee possesses no knowledge that Japan has violated her treaty pledges not to fortify her mandated islands near Guam.

The text of the statement was not published.—United Press.

French Steamer Aground

London, Mar. 13.
Lloyds reported they had received a message from Djibouti that a French passenger steamer, Sontay, bound from London to Kobe and Japan, had run aground on the Meteor Reef on Friday, and was still aground.

It was added that the cargo will be discharged.—United Press.

German Plane Crashes

Berlin, Mar. 13.
A German aeroplane crashed 23 miles south-east of Ferrara on Saturday. It was officially stated here to-day, five of the seven passengers being killed, while two escaped uninjured.

Investigation of the accident is in progress, but is not yet completed.—Trans-Ocean.

BENCH'S WARNING Place Where Tempers Can Cool Off

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, an 18-year-old youth, Chan Sam-mui, was bound over in \$10 for a year by Mr. E. Himsforth on a charge of common assault.

Defendant was alleged to have struck a 17-year-old youth twice, once as they were coming off a ferry at the Kowloon City wharf, and again when they were on the street. A bamboo pole was said to have been used.

Trouble apparently arose when defendant requested complainant to walk faster as they were on the gangplank of the ferry.

Binding defendant over, Mr. Himsforth told him that he seemed to have a bad temper, and if he appeared in the same Court on a similar charge in the future he would be sent to a place where his temper would be given a chance to cool off.

Flight Of Gold To America

Washington, Mar. 13.
The Department of Commerce reported to-day that during February the United States imported \$223,208,383 worth of gold, compared with \$159,428,721 the previous month.

Silver imports were valued at \$9,927,465 compared with \$10,328,487.—United Press.

U.S. Aid For Chile Quake Victims

Washington, Mar. 13.
Senator Key Pittman introduced a bill to-day to authorize President Roosevelt to spend \$500,000 on Chilean relief through the purchase of supplies to rehabilitate the stricken earthquake area.—United Press.

Italy's Ships Out: No Subsidy

Rome, Mar. 13.
The subsidy to Italian shipping lines to South Africa, recently discontinued by the Union Government, will not be shouldered by Italy, it was announced to-day.

The Italian express liner service to South Africa therefore ends, on March 30.—Reuter Special.

NEW B.B.C. GOVERNOR

London, Mar. 13.
It is announced that Sir George Allan Powell, a member of the Import Duties Advisory Committee since 1932, is to be chairman and Governor of the British Broadcasting Corporation.—Reuter.

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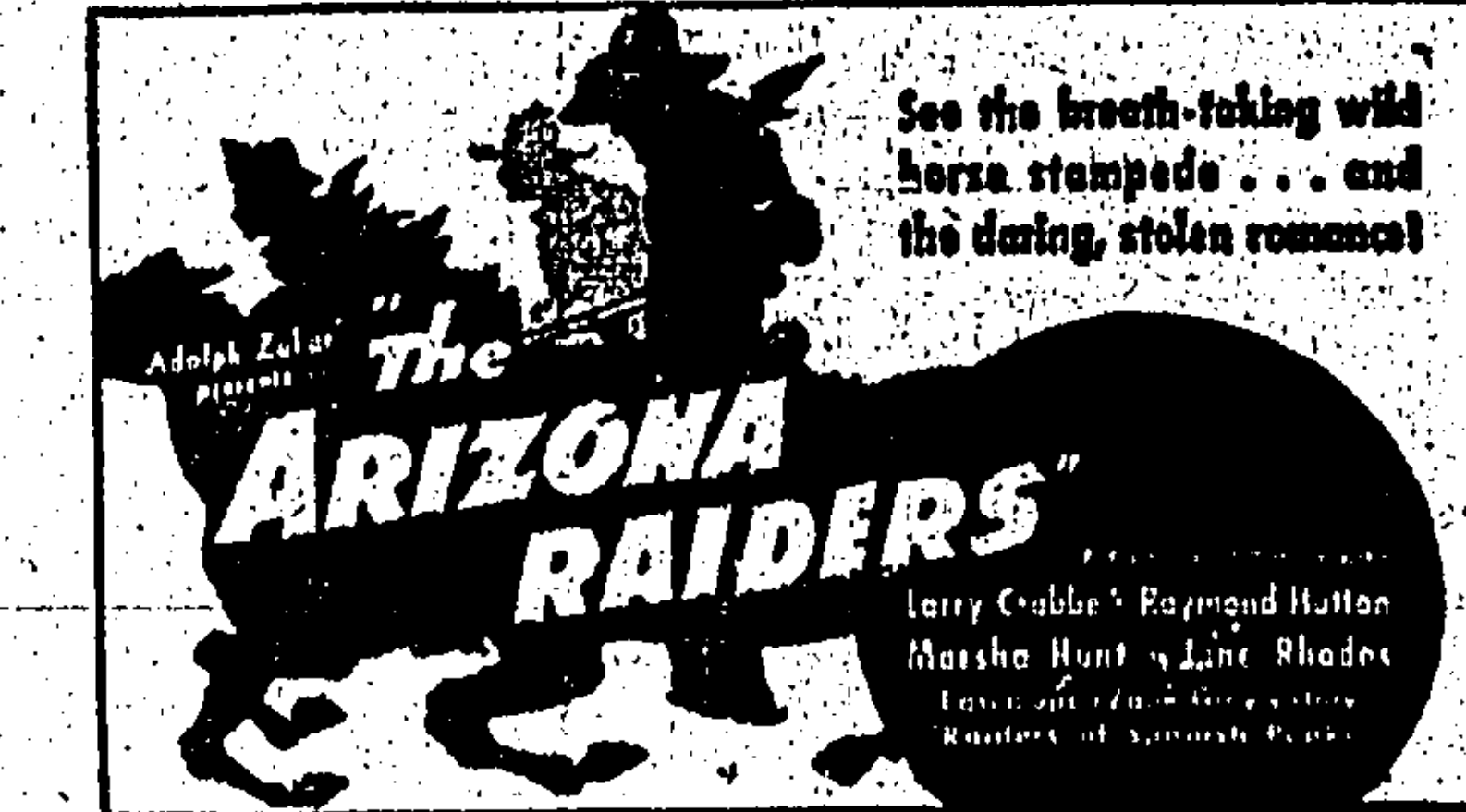


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No Oil Pact
The Hague, Mar. 13.
It is learned authoritatively that reports of an agreement being reached between the Mexican Government and foreign oil companies operating in Mexico are premature.
A decision in a favourable sense, however, is expected shortly.—Reuter.

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PRAGUE ACCEPTS GERMAN DEMANDS: SLOVAK AUTONOMY



A PATRIOT'S DILEMMA: General Sirrov, the Czechoslovakian Premier, who was called to office as the September crisis reached its head and whose resignation Germany is now demanding.

Itagaki's Frank Speech Cannot Win If China Receives Aid

THE ADMISSION that Japan's objective in China could not be attained unless assistance extended to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek by third Powers was counteracted today by the Japanese Diet today by the Minister for War, General Itagaki.

The War Minister charged that the assistance extended to China by these Powers was responsible for the occurrence and prolongation of hostilities.

General Itagaki specifically mentioned Soviet Russia, with whom, he declared, "Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was shaking hands."

Soviet co-operation with China, he declared, was one of the major factors causing the outbreak of the "incident."

"Why aren't Japan's true intentions in connection with the China Incident brought home to third Powers?" K. Nishimura, a member of the Minseito Party, asked.

"The construction of a new order in East Asia is the ultimate objective of the present incident. It has been inspired by Japan's national spirit, but it does not appear easy for Occidental Powers adhering to materialism to understand the spiritual significance of Japan's action," the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arita, replied.

The Foreign Minister promised to continue efforts with the object of "inducing third Powers to realise Japan's intentions."

Japan Replies To A Protest

London, Mar. 13.

The Japanese authorities in Tientsin have replied to the British protests against the erection of a live wire barrier around the foreign Concession.

They repeated their previous contention that the fence was erected because the Japanese believe the Concession authorities are "main-cris" in their attempt to eradicate anti-Japanese terrorism among the Chinese.

It is reliably stated that the answer is regarded as unsatisfactory.—United Press.

TENSION IN CONCESSIONS CHUNGKING, Mar. 14.

The British and French Concessions in Tientsin are tightening precautions against disturbances as a result of rumours that many undergrounds hired by a certain country have planned to start a riot, with the intention of starting riots, a report states.

Additional police are patrolling the streets and pedestrians are being searched.—Central News.

HITLER AS SOLE ARBITER OF FUTURE POLICY OF CZECHS

BERLIN, Mar. 13.

DIPLOMATIC SOURCES CONFIRM THE REPORT THAT THE CZECH GOVERNMENT HAD ACCEPTED DEMANDS FOR SLOVAK AUTONOMY, AND THE DISMISSAL OF GENERAL SIROVY AFTER M. TISO AND M. DURCANSKY HAD FLOWN TO BERLIN TO CONFER WITH HERR HITLER.

Well-informed circles believe that Hitler is determined to make it clear beyond doubt that Berlin in future will be the sole arbiter in Prague's policies.

COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE

According to Czech circles, the Czech Government has accepted the German Government's demand for an independent Slovakia, possibly for an independent Ruthenia.

It is stated that the former concession will be announced in to-morrow's meeting of the Slovak Government.

It is stated that the Czech Government has also agreed to the reconstruction of the Cabinet, with the dismissal of General Sirrov.—United Press.

"VIOLATED SPIRIT OF MUNICH"

Berlin, Mar. 13.

Herr Hitler is stepping directly into the Slovak situation, which indicates his determination to end the crisis as soon as possible.

The Press emphasise the "Czech terror," which seems to indicate that demands, in addition to what the Slovaks desire, will include Herr Hitler's insistence that Prague in future guarantees German nationals to be "freed from persecution."

The German News Agency at Vienna reports that the Czech military are terrorising the German inhabitants at Igau. Fourteen Germans were badly wounded and eight slightly hurt in clashes, which are continuing.

Earlier, a source close to the Government admitted that Germany would intervene in the crisis "in some form or other," although it was not indicated whether this would be diplomatic or military action.

Another source said: "The Czechs have violated the spirit of Munich. Furthermore, German interests in Slovakia have been menaced, and German citizens and members of German national groups mistreated. This cannot continue."

Well-informed quarters believe that a demarche to Prague in the nature of an ultimatum can be expected to-day or to-morrow.—United Press.

HITLER'S DEMANDS

Berlin, Mar. 13.

Well-informed quarters state, though unconfirmed, that Herr Hitler sent a note to the Prague Government demanding that Czechoslovakia first divide the country into three independent States—Bohemia, Slovakia, and Ruthenia.

Secondly, reconstruction of the Prague Government, from which would be dismissed.

M. Tiso was in conference with Herr Hitler for 40 minutes, and he left the Chancellery accompanied by drum-rolling by Hitler's guard of honour.

He returned to his hotel and telephoned M. Sidor at Bratislava, who agreed to summon the Slovak Government on Tuesday morning, when a declaration will be made first thing to Parliament.—United Press.

HEAVY RIOTING IN BRATISLAVA

Bratislava, Mar. 13.

Heavy rioting has been taking place since 8 p.m., in a public square before the National Theatre and the Hotel Carlton.

The police ordered a huge Slovak nationalist and independence demonstration to disperse, but the crowd replied with shouts of "Where is Tiso? Where is Mach? We demand independence!"

Whereupon the police charged with bayonets, tear-gas, and bombs.—United Press.

NO CRISIS FEARS

Berlin, Mar. 13.

German circles do not expect the Czech Government to prove unreasonable and a full-dress European crisis is not anticipated.

It is thought that the German plan involves the establishment of genuine autonomy for Slovakia and Ruthenia, with adequate guarantees against damage to German life and property. The Prague Government, however, is expected to resign.

A Prague message says that according to reports from Bratislava, a meeting of the Hlinka Guards to night ended in complete disorder. Troops were called out and charged the crowds with fixed bayonets.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE UNEASY

London, Mar. 13.

The Czechoslovakian political developments resulted in some uneasiness on the Stock Exchange today, market prices being marked down moderately, though there was no appreciable selling pressure in evidence.

Mexican Eagle oil exceptionally improved on renewed optimism regarding the expropriation problem, while Argentine rails hardened in response to good trade reports.

Commodities were mostly apathetic, but steady.

Wall Street was easy.—Reuter Special.

PRAGUE'S "DUTY"

Berlin, Mar. 13.

The newspaper "Anglist" declares that Prague must be reminded emphatically that the duty of the Czechs is to fulfil the obligations which they undertook voluntarily at Munich, as Germans living in Czechoslovakia have been robbed of their jobs, their cultural organisations have been suppressed, and they have been subjected to constant vexations.—Reuter Special.



THICK black line shows the present boundaries of Czechoslovakia, again threatened with dismemberment.

TOKYO NIGHTMARE OF ANOTHER WAR

TOKYO, Mar. 14.

THE NIGHTMARE of continued Chinese resistance is becoming more manifest to Japan if the increase in the number of questions in the Diet is any indication of public opinion.

Ministers faced a barrage of questions last night, during the debate on the Supplementary Budget for the Army and Navy.

T. Mitamura, Tokai Party member, asked the War Minister to tell the House whether the opinion prevailing in some quarters in Japan that war should be ended represented the views of the Government.

The speaker pointed out the growing fears that Japan might be faced suddenly with another war whilst hostilities were in progress in China.

"Should not the China Incident be terminated quickly in anticipation of another war?" he asked.

The Minister for War, General Itagaki, replied that the Government was determined to seek a fundamental settlement of the "incident," but would not tell the House how the Government proposed to go about this difficult task.

SOVIET "MENACE"

He added that the Soviet menace might possibly decrease if relations between Japan, Manchukuo and China were strengthened.

"But," he warned, "the Far East will not be freed from the Soviet menace even if the Communists are suppressed in China."

Answering a supplementary question, the Minister for the Navy, Admiral Yonai, declared that if friction arising from the execution of Japan's national policy could not be settled through diplomatic negotiations, the Japanese Navy would be obliged "to exercise sufficient considerations."

"SOVIET MUST ACCEPT ANY 'CONSEQUENCES'"

TOKYO, Mar. 13.

THE SOVIET UNION must assume responsibility of the consequences should she disregard Japan's reasonable requests, said Mr. Arita, when discussing the fishery negotiations with Russia in the House of Peers to-day.

Mr. Arita added that the Government was prepared to take the most effective and adequate measures for (Continued on Page 12.)

EURASIA PLANE LOST 14 Passengers In Mystery S.O.S.

FOURTEEN PASSENGERS aboard a Eurasia Aircraft Corporation plane en route from Chungking to Kunning were feared lost as a result of the complete disappearance of the machine—an 18-passenger Junkers tri-motored craft.

The only clue is a brief radio S.O.S. flashed to the airport radio station at Kunning.

The S.O.S. reported that the plane was in difficulties. Since then nothing has been heard or seen of the machine or its passengers, says "Reuter."

Among the passengers is Mr. Tang Kwan, Chief Secretary of the Central Bank of China in Hongkong.

The plane left Chungking at dawn on Sunday and was scheduled to arrive at Kunning within four hours.

S.O.S. OVER BORDER

As it was passing from Szechuan Province into Yunnan province it sent out the S.O.S.

The Hongkong office of the Eurasia Corporation stated this afternoon that they had received no report of the plane, beyond the fact that it had left Chungking on time on Sunday.

Kai Tak Airport has not been informed of the disappearance.

The Central Bank later informed the "Telegraph" that Mr. Tang Kwan was unknown in the Hongkong office.

Although Eurasia planes still fly from Kai Tak Airport to China, the bulk of the service has been diverted to Hanoi since the Japanese military operations in South China, and a daily service is maintained between Chungking and Kunning.

Recently it was reported that the Eurasia fleet had been reduced to only three machines.

The company is financed jointly by the Lufthansa Corporation of Germany and Chinese capital.

10-1 Against Jitter Bugs

A bookmaker's circular giving prices on the Grand National, Lincoln Handicap and F.A. Cup, contains also the following:

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I will bet 10-1 that England will not be at war with Germany within the next six months.

"I Don't Wish To Hear You Further"

Judge, Solicitor In Sharp Exchange

A SHARP EXCHANGE of words between Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell and a solicitor featured the hearing of the Hongkong Motor Car Service partnership case which was again before the Summary Court this morning.

Li Kam-poy had successfully claimed \$246.70 due as balance of his share value from his former partners, Chin Wai-kwan, Chin Ping-chuen and Chin Ping-kwan. They, represented by Mr. H. L. Kwan, entered a counter-claim for the same amount alleging plaintiff was forced to pay this money when acting as treasurer.

Mr. F. H. Losby represented plaintiff.

PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED

Mr. Kwan said that plaintiff and defendants were partners in the firm called the Hongkong Motor Car Service. The partnership was formed on October 31, 1938, but was dissolved on December 17, 1938 by notice given by plaintiff.

The firm employed one accountant and four drivers. From October 31, 1938, all takings of the firm were handed over by the drivers to plaintiff, who in turn made out payments on behalf of the company. A day after the partnership was dissolved an accountant was employed. He, whenever receiving payments, handed them over to plaintiff.

PURCHASED SHARE

Mr. Kwan continued that after the dissolution of the partnership on December 17, defendants decided to buy plaintiff's share for \$1,750. According to the accounts plaintiff had in his possession the sum of \$246.70, representing part of the firm's takings. Therefore, this sum was deducted from \$1,750, the purchasing price of plaintiff's share, and plaintiff was given the balance. De- (Continued on Page 4.)

"PEACE," SAYS IL DUCE

LONDON, Mar. 14.

DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES in London state that Italy has verbally informed the British Ambassador in Rome that Signor Mussolini will not resort to drastic measures to secure redress for the 80-year-old claim against France.

The nature of the Italian demands are stated to have been revealed to the British Minister.

Settlement of the demands will be confined to diplomatic channels, thus averting any possibility of war between the two nations.

Signor Mussolini is expected to draft Notes to this effect to Great Britain and France after the Fascist Grand Council meeting on Wednesday morning.

The Notes will confirm the extent of the Italian demands.—United Press.

LATEST

Madrid Seeks Peace

Madrid, Mar. 14.

The Madrid Defence Junta has decided to demobilise the reservists of the 1916-18 classes and also men belonging to the second group of the auxiliary services.

The Junta is busy planning the liquidation of the war, said Dr. Casade.

"We don't know yet what General Franco's attitude is. We are trying to negotiate a honourable peace if possible, on a basis of an independent Spain, with no reprisals."—Reuter.

R.E. Chief Dead

London, Mar. 14.

The death is reported of Major General A. G. Stevenson, Colonel Commandant of the Royal Engineers.—Reuter.

See Back Page For Further Late News

Test Records Topple

RECORDS are totalling fast in the Fifth Cricketers' Test at Durban. Set to make 600 runs in order to win—a feat generally regarded as impossible—the M.C.C. had scored 496 for three wickets at close of play yesterday and now need only 200 runs to complete a performance never before equalled in the history of cricket.

Full details are given on Page 8.

CYANIDE SUICIDE OF 12-YEAR-OLD GIRL

"CYANIDE POISONING, self-administered" was the verdict returned by Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when he conducted, without the assistance of a jury, an inquest into the death of a 12-year old girl named Lam Hau-hing, who was found dead on the top floor of 80 Oak Street, Mongkok, on February 12.

Dr. H. H. Tai, medical officer in charge of Kowloon Mortuary, said he performed a post-mortem examination on deceased and found that death was due to cyanide poisoning. He could not say whether the poison was self-administered or otherwise.

Mr. V. C. Branson, Government Analyst, testified to having examined the internal organs of deceased and found one-fifth of a grain of cyanide. One grain of the poison was sufficient to cause death, but cyanide was volatile and he could not say definitely how much the deceased took.

Tong Wing told the Coroner that deceased was his sister-in-law and helped him in making wristlets. For his work he had to use nitric acid and cyanide but these he kept in his own room. He was the only one who used the liquid, although the deceased was aware where they were kept.

FOUND GIRL IN BED

On the morning in question he went out to tea and on his return he found police officers in the premises. The girl was lying dead on a bed. Previous to this, his wife had occasion to reprimand the girl for failing to pay proper attention to the children.

The girl was always of a quiet nature, and after she had received the scolding she became sulky but would not say anything.

Lam Yuen-chun, wife of the provisory witness, said the girl was her adopted sister and came down with her from Canton about six months ago as a refugee. On the morning of the tragedy she appeared cheerful and healthy and had taken meal, the girl who used the liquid, although the

They Cannot Agree



This benign-looking Arab, with burnous and horn-rimmed spectacles, is Prince Faisal, second son of King Saud of Saudi Arabia.

Mrs. Edward Jacobs, who went from New York, is the only woman delegate at the Conference.

Grey-bearded Rabbi Moshe Blau went from Jerusalem to attend the Conference as representative of the Orthodox Jews.

PARLEYS HAVE SET A STRANGE RECORD

LONDON, Mar. 14.

EVERY CONFERENCE has its hitches. But the Palestine Conference at St. James's Palace has set up a record for hitches.

The Arab delegation will not meet the Jew delegation. The Jew delegation will not meet the Arab delegation.

The Palestinian and "neighbour State" Arab delegations will not meet the Arab Defence Party (the anti-Grand Mufti Arabs), and refuse to regard them as genuine representatives. Several questions were asked in the House of Commons to-day regarding the Conference.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, promised that a White Paper would be issued at an early date. It will contain the correspondence regarding the Balfour Declaration to the Arabs in 1918—Reuter messages.

BRITISH PROPOSALS

London, Mar. 13. The Palestine Committee of the Cabinet considered the British proposals this morning, and Mr. Malcolm MacDonald later had a talk with Tewfik Pasha, chief Minister of Trans-Jordan, on Trans-Jordan and Palestine affairs. Afterwards, Mr. MacDonald and Mr. R. A. Butler had an informal talk with Alimaher, Tewfik Suwaidi, and Fuad Beyhamza.

Government representatives are putting the finishing touches to the proposals which will be ready to put before the delegations at the meetings on Wednesday.—Reuter.

Honolulu Wants Cowboys

Pendleton, Ore. Honolulu wants to go "west." Roy W. Ritter, promoter of the Pendleton rodeo, has received from there a request for a couple of dozen cowboys to put on a real wild west show.

Three More Gibaltars Are To Be Built

BRITAIN is building new Gibaltars in the East.

The Naval Estimates disclose £5,000,000 plans for a chain of fortresses at Singapore, Trincomalee, and Aden which, with satellite air bases now being prepared by the R.A.F., are designed to secure the safety of Empire communications throughout the East. Singapore's naval base has already cost over £7,000,000. The Naval Estimates provide £700,000 more this year, and estimate another £1,900,000 for completion of work expected to make Singapore the mightiest naval base in the world.

RE-GUNNED

The R.A.F. are building air bases at Singapore and nearby estimated to cost another £1,000,000.

Ceylon's Trincomalee, re-fortified and with a £500,000 air base under construction, will become a fortress second only to Singapore. Secretly, already the Trincomalee, Sydney-like harbour of Trincomalee has been re-gunned with weapons of the latest type. It is a base impregnable from land or sea, commanding the sea and air routes of the Indian Ocean, Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea.

Trincomalee's building plans this year include increased storage for naval munitions, water and a £180,000 radio station.

R.A.F. KEY CENTRE

Singapore and Trincomalee, twin-sentinels of the Far East, are 1,700 miles apart—less than the range of Britain's latest bomber and reconnaissance aircraft.

Aden, 2,800 miles from Trincomalee, formerly a minor coal and water base, but now a key centre of the R.A.F. in the East, is to have new harbour defences estimated to cost £600,000.

All the Eastern naval bases are being equipped with new or improved radio stations.

The estimates do not include the cost of guns. This is included in a separate estimate for which the Navy is seeking this year more than £3,000,000.

Envoy's Remains On U.S. Cruiser

Tokyo, Mar. 13.

Official quarters are making preparations to welcome the 10,000-ton cruiser Astoria, which is bearing the remains of the late Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Satto.

The Astoria is expected about March 19, and it is understood that the Foreign Office is asking the Diet for an appropriation of 30,000 yen in order lavishly to entertain the American warship's crew, in an endeavour to demonstrate Japan's friendship for America.—United Press.



This chain of fortresses at Aden, Trincomalee and Singapore will ensure safety of the Empire's communications throughout the East.

House Of Commons

"WE ARE MAKING REPRESENTATIONS"

The House of Commons was informed yesterday that recent British representations to Japan covered a wide field of subjects.

Replying to questions in the House, Mr. R. A. Butler stated that notes of protest dealing with some 22 cases of damage suffered by British subjects or their property had been addressed to the Japanese Government since the start of the China War.

Apologies had been forthcoming in respect to nine cases, compensation had been paid in four cases, and promises made in respect to three others.

These are some of the subjects dealt with to-day.

"OPEN DOOR"

Questioned regarding the reply to a recent note to the Japanese Government on the subject of the China "open door," Mr. Butler answered that the note recorded the Government's attitude to the Far Eastern situation in the light of official Japanese statements of policy.

No reply had been received, and the question of sending one must be a matter for the Japanese Government to decide.

BRITISH HOSPITAL BOMBING

Regarding the bombing of the Jenkin Robertson Hospital in Sian, Mr. Butler stated that the hospital suffered three direct hits, and much damage was caused to adjoining buildings.

These premises were clearly marked with two Union Jacks. One Chinese nurse had been killed, but foreign members of the hospital staff were reported to be unharmed.

A strong protest was being made to the Japanese Government, with the right to claim compensation reserved.

CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS

Questioned as to the Japanese demand for 32 places in the Customs at Shanghai, Mr. Butler answered that the Foreign Secretary was aware of the suggestion, but had no indication of the exact extent of acceptance. In any case, His Majesty's Government had made it clear throughout that in their view the changes made in the Chinese Maritime Customs personnel was among the temporary measures which must be the subject of reconsideration at the termination of the present hostilities.

TIENTSIN BLOCKADE

In a statement on the situation in Tientsin, Mr. Butler said that the British Ambassador to Tokyo had addressed a note to the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs on March 4, in which he pointed out the scrupulously correct attitude of the British authorities at Tientsin, drew attention to the various actions directed against the British concessions there, and requested an early instruction to ensure moderation in attitude on the part of the local Japanese authorities.

Mr. Noel Baker (Lab): Would it be correct to say that the British Concession has gradually become a Japanese concentration camp?

Mr. Butler: No, it would not, but the seriousness of the situation is in no way minimised by my answer.

SEIZURE OF MILLS

Mr. Butler said that the Chuntai Mill at Soochow was occupied on behalf of a Japanese textile company, and access was denied to the rightful British owners.

Renewed representations had recently been made by the British Ambassador in Tokyo in consequence of which the Japanese Government had sent fresh instructions to the local authorities at Shanghai which would be sufficient to ensure an impetus towards a settlement.

Asked if he were aware that this was only one of many instances of confiscation of British property by the Japanese, Mr. Butler said that he was aware of the difficulties, but in this particular case he had described the steps which he hoped would lead to a settlement.

YANGTSE SHIPPING

Mr. A. C. Moreland asked whether the Prime Minister was aware that more than 100 British subjects at Hankow were requiring passage to Shanghai in order to those who, for business reasons, desired to proceed from Shanghai to Hankow, and what arrangements would they be able to make for speedy transport.

Mr. Butler, in reply, declared that Viscount Halifax was fully aware of the position, which at present was under active consideration. Mr. Moreland:—Is he aware that British ships are not allowed to carry out lawful trading on the Yangtze, and that British subjects are not allowed to travel in Japanese ships, and will he consider consulting the Chinese Government, the Chinese Station to see what steps can be

taken to open this international highway?

Mr. Butler: We have already been in touch with the officer in question in view of the importance of the matter.

CURRENCY LAWS

Britain was making representations to Japan that the recent Japanese currency regulations in China are likely to interfere with legitimate British trade interests.

Making this announcement, Mr. Butler said it was explained that the so-called Provisional Government of China had announced that from March 11, the export of 12 specified commodities would not be permitted unless foreign exchange proceeds are sold against Federal Reserve Notes at 1s. 2d.

These commodities together, account for a high proportion of the export trade in northern China.—Reuter.

Britain And The League Value Of Geneva Work Stressed

LONDON, Mar. 13.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S attitude to the present constitution of the League of Nations was outlined by Mr. Butler in reply to questions to-day in the House of Commons.

Mr. Butler said that although circumstances in the past had imposed on the League tasks beyond its powers, the British Government was fully aware of the value of the League's organisation for the furtherance of international consultation and collaboration, and it would neglect no practical means of maintaining and extending its usefulness.

Britain does not, at the present, propose to suggest any alteration in the League's constitution, or its constitutional objects.—Reuter.

Portuguese Found Shot

The condition of W. R. Beltrao, aged 49, a Portuguese, who was found shot through the head in Salween Road near Kai Tak on Monday morning, was this morning stated to be much improved.

After the incident on Salween Road, Beltrao went to Kowloon hospital of his own accord. He is detained, but in no danger.

The police have not yet found any weapon, and it is understood that the mystery surrounding the shooting has been cleared up.

Beltrao, who lives in Nathan Road, has been out of work for some time. Detective-Inspector A. E. Carey of the Yau-mut Detective Office was in charge of the case.

NEW B.B.C. GOVERNOR

London, Mar. 13. It is announced that Sir George Alnott, a member of the Import Duties Advisory Committee since 1932, is to be chairman and Governor of the British Broadcasting Corporation.—Reuter.

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BRITAIN ATTACKED Financial Aid To China

TOKYO, Mar. 14.

A VIOLENT ATTACK on Britain was made in the Japanese Diet last night by T. Mitamura, a member of the Tohoku Party.

Declaring apropos the British loan for the stabilisation of China's currency that any nation assisting Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was an enemy of Japan, the speaker demanded that Japan's policy towards Great Britain be clarified.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita, admitted that the establishment of the fund for the stabilisation of Chinese currency constituted an act in aid of Chiang Kai-shek. "The Japanese Government is watching with concern the operation of this fund," the Minister added.—Domei.

Emergency Service For Victoria

Melbourne, Mar. 13.

The Premier of Victoria has announced the appointment of a National Emergency Service committee to evolve protective measures for the civil population.—Reuter.

Big Ship Robbery

Chief Engineer K. Evensen of the s.s. Hauk reports robbery of \$820 from his cabin aboard ship.

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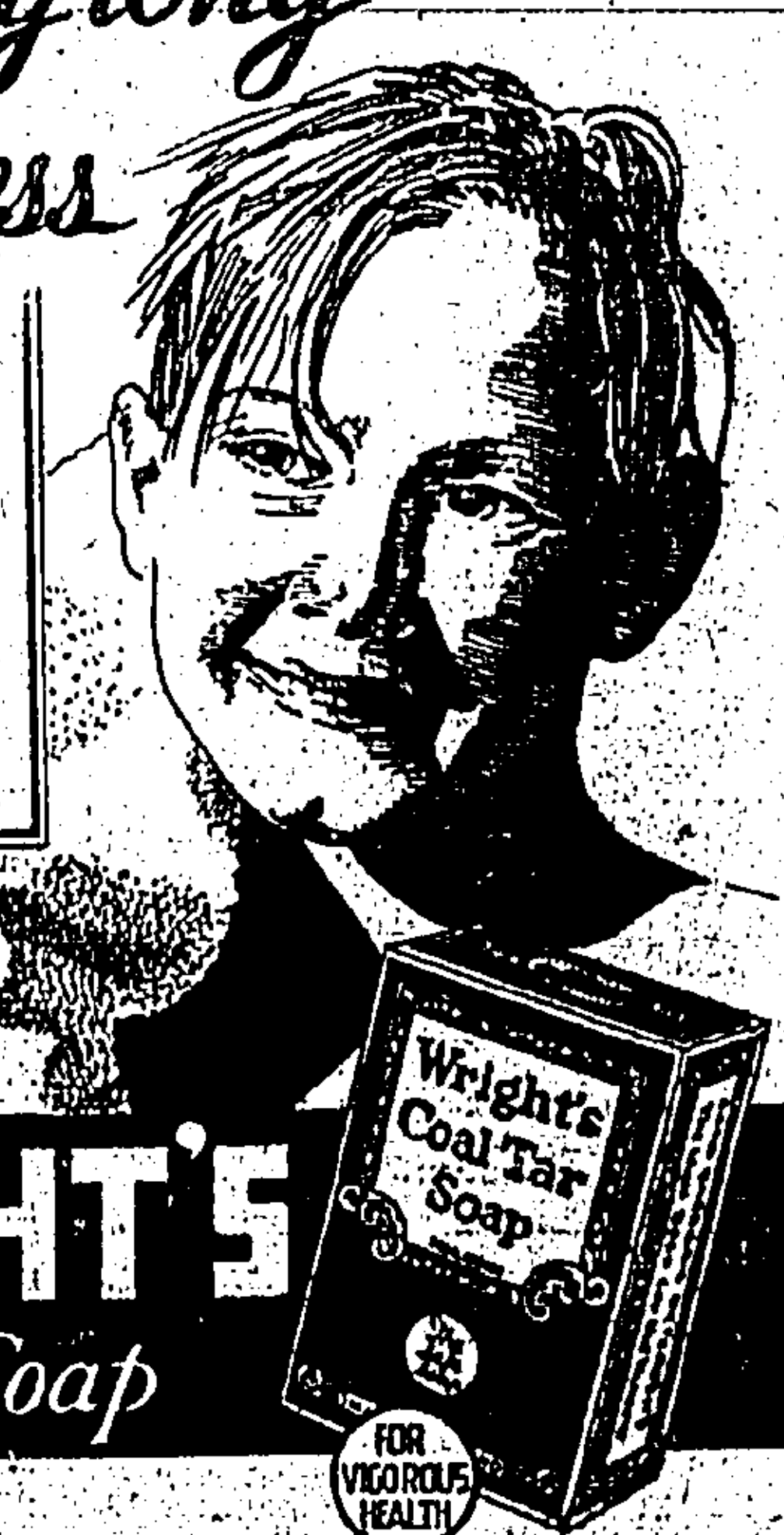
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SHIP CATCHES FIRE AT BOTTOM OF SEA

A SHIP caught fire at the bottom of the sea two years after the sinking of the *Titanic* in 1912, says a diver. The water level inside the *Kakiriki* had been pumped down to nine feet, and a pump had been lowered to remove the remaining water. As the engineer-in-charge was pouring petrol into the engine forty feet below the surface, it caught fire. His clothes caught, he jumped into the water in the hold, but burning petrol spread over the water and he had to rush up the funnel ladder. For an hour the funnel, protruding a few feet above the sea, spouted flames and smoke. More water was let into the hold to extinguish the fire, and now the task of pumping it out again has been resumed.

Quins To Meet Their Majesties

OTTAWA, Mar. 13. MR. OLIVA DIONNE, father of the famed quintuplets, has accepted an invitation from the Ontario Government for the Quins to go to Toronto to meet the King and Queen.

The Quins will be presented to Their Majesties on May 22 in the Lieutenant-Governor's chambers in the Legislative Building.—*Reuter*.

Chengtu, Mar. 14. The Ministry of Communications has announced that the long-distance telephone service between Chengtu and Kunming will be inaugurated tomorrow.—*Central News*.

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CZECH GOVERNMENT MAY RESIGN AS RESULT OF REICH PRESSURE

Six Die In Bratislava Riots: Early Reports Of Crisis

BRATISLAVA, MAR. 13.

SIX WERE KILLED IN THREE BOMB EXPLOSIONS IN BRATISLAVA TO-NIGHT.

One bomb damaged a house and killed two as well as injuring three other people near the Danube bridge head.

A second bomb exploded in the German-owned shoe polish factory, where four were killed.

A third bomb exploded near the old Rathaus. A demonstration ended at 10 a.m., with the appearance of M. Mach on the balcony of the Hotel Carlton, who announced receipt of a telegram from M. Tiso which read: "The Slovak problems are already solved."

The demonstrators replied with heels for Tuka and Hitler, and "Down with the Czechs." The police at first opposed the demonstration with rifles and tear gas, but they suddenly ceased hindering the crowd, presumably acting on fresh orders.—*United Press*.

LONDON, PARIS IN CLOSE TOUCH. Tension has increased considerably in Czechoslovakia as a result of latest developments in Slovakia. It is reported that Herr Hitler has decided to send either demands or recommendations to Prague last night.

Field Marshal Goering, who has been holidaying in Italy, has returned unexpectedly to Berlin. "Reuter" semi-officially learns that Germany is asking the Central Government in Prague to comply with the following:

- 1.—The right for Slovakia to self-determination;
 - 2.—The resignation of the Czech Defence Minister, General Sidor;
 - 3.—Guaranteed protection of German minorities in Bohemia and Moravia.
- The British Government is said to be in close touch with Paris on the subject of the developments in Czechoslovakia.

INTERVIEW HITLER

Berlin, Mar. 13. M. Tiso, former President of Slovakia, and M. Duransky, arrived Berlin by special plane from Vienna to-day, when they drove to the Foreign Office and saw Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, who took them straight to the Chancellery, where Herr Hitler was waiting for them.

Decisions made at the interviews, if any, are being kept secret.

An official communiqué issued after the meeting merely says that "pending issues" were discussed, but it is reported that Herr Hitler is sending demands or recommendations to Prague to-night.

PARLIAMENT SUMMONED

A Prague message says that it is semi-officially learned that ex-Premier Tiso requested President Hacha to summon the Slovak Parliament in Bratislava at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The request is stated to have been made as a result of M. Tiso's talk with Herr Hitler. President Hacha has complied with the request.

The Slovak Parliament will have to decide the future of Slovakia.

GERMAN DEMANDS

It is semi-officially learned that Germany is asking the Central Government at Prague, firstly to give Slovakia the right of self-determination; secondly, to replace the present Czech Defence Minister, General Sidor, and the Minister of the Interior, thirdly, to guarantee protection of the German minorities in Bohemia and Moravia.—*Reuter*.

COMMONS STATEMENT

London, Mar. 13. Making a statement in the House of Commons to-day on the situation in Czechoslovakia, Mr. Neville Chamberlain declared that according to his reports, only minor incidents had occurred in Bratislava in the last few days, and the situation there appeared to be outwardly calm.—*Reuter*.

GOERING RETURNS

Rome, Mar. 13. Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, who has been on holiday in Italy, left unexpectedly to-day for Berlin by the afternoon train.

It is believed here that Field-Marshal Goering's return to Germany may be due to events in Czechoslovakia, and the renewed tension between Berlin and Prague.—*Reuter*.

LONDON RESERVE

Official circles in London maintain reserve in regard to the events in Czechoslovakia. Concerning the question of British guarantee of Czechoslovak territory, it is pointed out in informed quarters that no formal guarantee has ever been given, and that any such guarantee could relate only to foreign

THE CASHED CZECH

Germany through its seizure of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland has gained control of these proportions of Czechoslovak industries:

- 60 per cent. of textiles,
 - 75 per cent. of glass,
 - 38 per cent. of chemicals,
 - 44 per cent. of pottery and earthenware,
 - 51 per cent. of paper,
 - 30 per cent. of metal,
 - 60 per cent. of musical instruments,
 - 93 per cent. of toys,
 - 50 per cent. of the generation of electric power.
- "Hamburger Fremdenblatt"

Emergency Unit Called Out

Emergency unit was called out at 9.30 a.m. to 236 Shanghai Street, where an attempted robbery by four men armed with daggers and chopper was reported.

perfectly clear that the British navy would take action on the high seas if there was any interference with British ships.—*Reuter*.

WAR IN SPAIN

MADRID NORMAL

No Belligerent Rights For Nationalists

MADRID, Mar. 13. COMPLETE NORMAL conditions returned to Madrid to-day.

Besides trams, which resumed yesterday, tube trains from east to west are again working.

Shops have reopened and women are outside bakers' shops for their daily loaf of bread after being three or four days without bread.

The theatres and cinemas have also reopened.—*Reuter*.

ITALIAN LOSSES

Rome, Mar. 13. The casualty lists of Italian volunteers in Spain up to the middle of February are officially given as 14,353 officers and men.

Of this total, 272 officers and 2,703 men were killed, 889 officers and 9,810 men were wounded, six officers and 208 men are missing, and five officers and 201 men were taken prisoner.—*Trans-Ocean*.

BELLIGERENT RIGHTS

London, Mar. 13. Mr. Neville Chamberlain emphasised that the Government's policy regarding belligerent rights remained unchanged, when he was asked in the House of Commons to-day for a statement regarding the declaration of the blockade by the Spanish Nationalist Government.

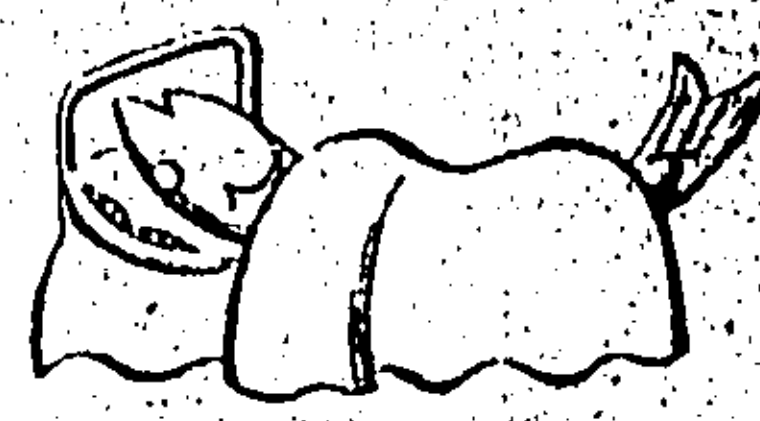
Mr. Butler, replying to further questions on Spain, declared that the situation in Central Spain was very confused. The British Government had not been in contact either with the Republicans or Nationalists about conditions for an armistice. The Government regarded repatriation of Spanish refugees from France as a matter between the French and Spanish governments.

His Majesty's Government had decided to render assistance towards the maintenance of refugees, and a grant would be made in the immediate future to the British Red Cross.

Replying to additional questions on the Franco blockade, Mr. Butler said that Viscount Halifax had made it

DO FISH SLEEP?

We are genuinely sorry for our goldfish. He has nowhere to lie down, except on the hard glass floor of his little bowl. And he yawns all day long, as if even the crispest ant's egg would bore him to tears. The one great advantage of being a fish is that a fish has no hips. How cruel to one's hips is an unyielding mattress!



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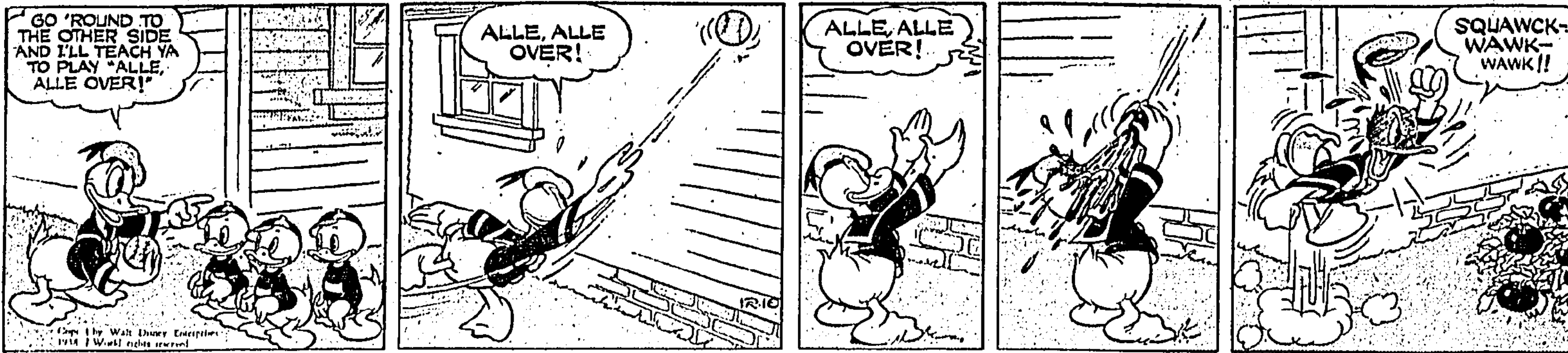
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Stolen Letter Used To Obtain Money

TO EARN one's living by false pretences one must be reasonably clever, or, at least more clever than Lau Tsat, 28, who graced the dock at the Central Magistracy to-day.

Several days ago, Lau Tsat saw months' hard labour and recommendation for banishment by Mr. R. Edwards.

Later Lau Tsat, so said Sergeant Goodwin, appeared with a letter which explained that he was the bearer and the money should be paid to him.

Unfortunately, he forgot that two people do not write the same handwriting. The mistake cost him four

U.S. Aid For Chile Quake Victims

Washington, Mar. 13. (AP)—Today to authorize President Roosevelt to spend \$500,000 on Chilean relief through the purchase of supplies to rehabilitate the stricken earthquake area.—United Press.

IN THE COURTS

PLANK WAS EXHIBIT IN PEAK THEFT CASE

AMONG THOSE present at the Central Magistracy this morning was a plank, 12 feet long by three feet wide.

It was with some difficulty that the "spectator" was moved through the swing-doors and rested against the wall of the courtroom.

But it was not allowed to stay there long.

"Yes," said Sub-Inspector Allen, "the defendant, a coolie, tried to steal it from Upper level property, but the plank was too heavy and he was caught in the act by a constable."

"Fined \$10 or three weeks," remarked Mr. R. Edwards.

And the plank left the court, accompanied by the gentlemen who brought it in.

Wanchai Brawls End In Prison For Three

A NUMBER OF FIGHTS and disturbances in the Wanchai district during the evening of March 6, which caused the Police in the No. 2 Station to turn out on three occasions between 9 p.m. and 11.30 p.m., resulted in the appearance of three Chinese Sappers of the Royal Engineers before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The men were Wong Tim, 22, Kwok Chung, 23, and Lo Kam-po, 25. They were charged with being in possession of pack knives fit for unlawful purposes.

First and second defendants said they did not know it was against the Army regulations to carry the knives while in uniform, while third defendant said he knew of the regulation, but carried the knife for self-defence. Captain J. Matthews, attached to the Royal Engineers, produced in Court a copy of the Fortress Orders which had been signed by the Adjutant, dated February 3, 1939, which stated that Chinese Sappers were not to carry pack knives when walking out. They were, however, allowed to do so before that date.

A copy of the orders had been reprinted in Chinese and posted up on the notice board.

TAKEN TO POLICE STATION

Sub-Inspector W. N. Darkin, who prosecuted, said he had been called out from the No. 2 Station on three occasions on the night of March 6 on each occasion to prevent a fight between members of the public and Chinese Sappers. The three men in Court were taken to the No. 2 Station in connection with those fights.

Each knife in their possession had the man's number engraved, but third defendant's knife was not his own. When questioned, he said he had taken it from another Sapper.

Inspector Darkin further said he had been instructed to ask that a serious view of the matter be taken. Third defendant made a statement in which he said he noticed that another fellow sapper was being chased by a man with a bamboo pole while he was on his way back to the barracks.

He rushed back intending to report the matter, but the Sergeant was out. He then went back to the scene of the fight, and picked up a Jack knife for self defence.

On arriving at the scene, he noticed two Police Reserves holding the man whom he identified as the one holding the bamboo pole, and he went to the Station to identify him.

MANSLAUGHTER CASE

After the three men had been convicted, Inspector A. V. Baker said that the new Army regulation preventing the men from carrying knives with them when off duty was issued at the request by the Police.

"There has been a lot of trouble in the Wanchai district between Chinese sappers of the Royal Engineers and rickshaw coolies, hokios, and others," said Inspector Baker, "and one day it will end with a manslaughter case."

In passing sentence, Mr. Forrest said he regarded the matter as very serious, and sentenced each man to six months' hard labour.

This sentence was later reduced to three months' hard labour each, when it was found that the maximum sentence was a fine of \$250 or three months.

Imperial Airways Win Concession

Imperial Airways have been granted commercial facilities in Indo-China.

This important announcement was made in Hongkong this morning.

Following an agreement between the British company and the authorities of Indo-China, Imperial Airways' planes will in future be permitted to accept passengers, mail and freight to and from Hanoi.

One of the most important consequences of this agreement is that Hongkong passengers may now travel to and from China via Hanoi, the agreement making it possible for passengers to travel from Hongkong to Hanoi by British planes and connecting with the existing C.N.A.C. and Eurasia services at Hanoi.

The agreement grants full commercial rights to Imperial Airways, the only restrictions being on intra-State bookings.

No Oil Pact

The Hague, Mar. 13. It is learned authoritatively that reports of an agreement being reached between the Mexican Government and foreign oil companies operating in Mexico are premature.

A decision in a favourable sense, however, is expected shortly.—Reuter.

SILENT SOLDIER

Nothing To Say In
Defence, Fined

"SEEING YOU have made no statement, I am left with no alternative but to convict you," said Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy to-day to Gunner William Hogan, 30th Heavy Battery, R.A. who was charged with assaulting a Chinese at Hennessey Road on March 10.

Hogan was fined \$15, and ordered to pay \$10 compensation.

The police evidence was that Hogan, who had had several drinks, was perfectly sober. At a previous hearing evidence had been given that Hogan told the butcher to get out of his way, and then walked past him. The butcher shouted back at him, so Hogan returned and hit him.

When asked by the magistrate to make a statement on his own behalf, Hogan declined.

Italy's Ships Out: No Subsidy

Rome, Mar. 13. The subsidy to Italian shipping lines to South Africa, recently discontinued by the Union Government, will not be shouldered by Italy, it was announced to-day.

The Italian express liner service to South Africa therefore ends on March 30.—Reuter Special.

Duke Of Norfolk Sees The Pope

Vatican City, Mar. 13. His Holiness the Pope to-day received in audience foreign missions sent on the occasion of his coronation, including the Duke of Norfolk, who represented King George, and Mr. Joseph Kennedy, American Ambassador to London, who represented President Roosevelt.

The latter was accompanied by his entire family, with the exception of one son who is in Spain.—Reuter.

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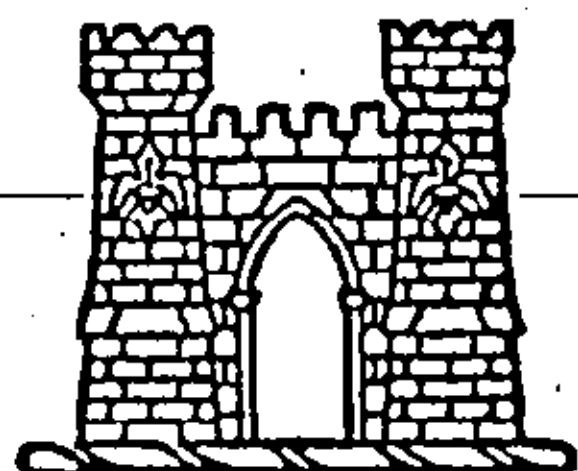
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Jew and Arab

One of the anomalies of the present conversations between Arab and Jew at St. James's Palace in London is that, although they cannot agree on a basis for settlement themselves, they expect Britain to wave the magic wand that will bring understanding and peace to the Holy Land.

Why Britain should be worried by this problem is beyond understanding. Yet a solution is of as much importance to Britain as it is to the Jews and Arabs, for the difficulties and trials of Palestine are a crisis, more or less, to the entire world. A solution would mean much for the Jews in Germany, for instance.

Can an accommodation be reached? Yes—on conditions. How did the trouble arise?

During the war, Britain promised the Jews a national home in Palestine. Britain also made a treaty promising to set up an Arab State there.

Ever since then, Britain has been trying to keep both promises at once. Hence the confusion.

This condition cannot continue, and Britain must realise it. The Jews must realise, also, that the Arabs are the native people of the country.

The fact that the Jews settled in Palestine thousands of years ago should not give them priority now. The Romans settled in Britain two thousand years ago. But that does not mean that the Italian restaurateurs in London can claim to control the Government in Whitehall.

On the other hand, the Arabs must remember that the Jews settled in Palestine with the assistance and protection of the British Government, and that protection cannot be revoked now.

The immediate solution of the problem seems to depend on the prohibition of any more Jewish immigration into Palestine. What is the ultimate solution to be?

Some suggest a plan for a Federation including Syria and Trans-Jordan (to whom rioting spread yesterday with heavy loss of life), in which the interest of the Jews could be safeguarded. This may be one way out. But there are many difficulties in the way.

WINGS over Suburbia

by **FRANK TILSLEY**
famous novelist and writer, who lives there

THE drone of warplanes in the sky became louder and louder. The sun caught their wings as they wheeled round, three flights of them, and made swiftly to where I stood, almost paralysed with fright, watching them.

They were headed straight for me, but at the last moment they passed, with an appalling roar, just over my head, so low that, had I not been hunched up, with my eyes shut tight, I could doubtless have made out the pilots' faces.

When my ears had again become capable of normal hearing the noise had faded into the low, continuous drone which, eternally, filled the skies.

No, I was not anywhere in Spain, or China, but standing at the front door of a pleasant suburban house with a trim garden and concrete paths, a couple of hundred yards from Northolt Aerodrome, in Middlesex.

"REALLY, it's quiet today," said Mrs. Powell, of Cliford-road. "You should be here some days! In the course of one morning we saw sixty-nine machines and often as many as fifty up together."

"I'm glad I didn't come when it was busy, then," I said, eyeing anxiously another fleet of bombers banking against the wind over the aerodrome. "I should think it would drive you mad, this row going on all day long."

"If it was only during the daytime it wouldn't be so bad," said Mrs. Powell, keeping an eye on her fair, curly-headed, two-year-old son, playing on the pavement, "but

they're often at it until one in the morning—and as often as not they wake me up again at four. Unfortunately I'm a light sleeper. Still," she said, "I suppose we've just got to get used to it."

Elsewhere I found a householder who wasn't so philosophical. "Yes," he said, "I suppose you can get used to anything in a way, but I notice that all my neighbours seem to be damn bad-tempered lately."

I looked, as well as listened, and counted eight separate planes wandering slowly about various parts of the afternoon sky. It seemed impossible that these tiny shining objects, so remote at the moment, were responsible for the continuous, nerve-racking drone, which, by its very persistence, somehow got right under your skin.

"You know," he said, "it's a bit thick for people like us who happen to have chosen districts like this, where R.A.F. activity has so enormously increased. The whole neighbourhood, here, has deteriorated like magic. Originally everybody owned their houses and were proud of them."

"Now the noise has driven some of them out, and the houses are being rented to people who don't care twopence."

HE had to stop for a minute while three gigantic bombers, so low that I had to check myself from ducking, roared overhead, shaking a bicycle against a wall and, for a

brief frightening moment, blotting out the sun.

"Seventy-five tons of metal there," he grinned.

"Take my case, though," he went on. "I paid £225 for my house nearly three years ago. I still owe £450 on mortgage. But if I cleared off from here, as I'd like to do, would I be able to get my money back? Some people have just run for it, in the night, leaving the houses without notice; but why should respectable folk like us have to sink away like that, like so many criminals? It isn't good enough."

As I was talking to a young mother nearby, we were interrupted by the most frightful sound I have ever heard. It was like the highest note of a shrieking woman on and on and on; the one high unbelievable note, coming, apparently, from a curious-looking piano which hardly seemed to be moving.

I FOUND myself taut, waiting for it to stop, gripping my pencil as though it was a last straw, saving me from drowning. At last, it moved out of hearing, and we both sighed together.

"That's the thing I can't stand," she said. "It's controlled by wireless or something. Though, really, it's my children I'm frightened for most. I'm terrified of a crash."

"You know there was one a few miles away some weeks ago? The pilot was buried forty feet, they say. It took hours to dig him out. I keep on at my husband to move, but he's got to be near his job, you see."

"If you ask me anything, a war could almost be a relief more than anything else. It will end this awful tension, anyway. If it's going to keep on much longer, then I say the sooner we have a war and get it over and done with the better. If it wasn't for the children I'm sure I'd go mad. Two neighbours of mine are under the doctor with nerves—do you wonder?"

I called on a local doctor, who told me he had never seen, yes, but the astonishing thing to him was that he hadn't got considerable more. "It's wonderful the way people somehow keep control over themselves," he said. "Slimly wonderful. You might almost call it heroic."

OUTSIDE, two boys, four or five years old, sat on the pavement playing with a pile of gravel left there for road surfacing. Five flights of heavy planes, hurtling a couple of hundred feet above them, didn't make them look up.

"They were big ones," I said. "Im Gloucester Gladiators," said the bigger boy. "Go on," said the other. "You don't know anything. Bristol Bulldogs, those were."

"Bristol Bulldogs?" jeered the first boy, gripping his spade pugnaciously. "they're fighting machines. Those there are bombers."

I left them to it.

PEACEFUL PENETRATION

SOME years ago I wished to visit a small village called Itary in the south of Brazil. The train service to it was very irregular, and I decided to go by road. This proved to be little more than a red earth track winding along the coast, and through virgin jungle, but after some hours of uncomfortable driving I sighted a small village lying amongst cultivated fields in a small valley.

I drove through fields of sweet peppers and past fields where rice was sprouting from the damp earth at the side of a river. Other fields were used for market gardening and showed fine crops of cabbage, lettuce and other greens. Finally I drove into the village and found myself much to my surprise, in Japan. Or so it seemed from all I saw around me.

Plunking the one and only street were houses completely unlike the red clay huts beloved of the Brazilian land worker. They were of wooden frames covered with straw matting and thick paper panels. The panels, I discovered later, were composed of many layers of cheap wallpaper glued together. The outer walls were in some cases decorated with typical Japanese painting, and open doors showed rooms apparently devoid of furniture.

NAKED AND UNASHAMED

Numerous naked children played in the street, their warm yellow skins glowing in the bright sunlight. At one door squatted an old Japanese woman dressed in an ancient silk robe while she puffed a curiously shaped pipe. A younger old man was laboriously writing on a sheet of paper with a small brush. He showed absolutely no curiosity when I stopped my car and alighted.

Among the naked children I noticed some boys and girls, of at least twelve years of age, and could not help contrasting this with Brazilian children of the same age. Brazilians learn modesty (false or otherwise) very early in life, and would never dream of going about unclothed. The Japanese children, however, were not in the least embarrassed by their nakedness, and they crowded round me as I walked along the street.

At one part I found the village school, a small building in a large open space. The children were all out in the open, seated on the ground as they chanted some lesson after the teacher. There seemed to be no lack of discipline, and the children did not so much as glance in my direction until the lesson was over.

STATE WITHIN STATE

After that I spoke to the schoolmaster and explained that I had been going to Itary, but had seemingly arrived in Japan. He laughed and explained in good English that this was Itary—the Japanese part of it. The older Brazilian village was a mile or so along the road.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Oh, come on, there's plenty of room—this rink has a seating capacity of 2,000!"

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Britain Prepares For War

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the next

war Britain, for the first time in 900 years, will be in grave danger of armed invasion. In the past the navy kept her shores intact. The danger now is from the air. To meet this modern peril, Britain is organising her civil population. Every able-bodied man and woman will have a job to do. This series of articles tells the story of Britain's army of "passive defence", and of the hundred-and-one other ways in which Britain is preparing for war at home.

By H. L. PERCY

United Press Staff Correspondent

ACTUAL, visible evidence of Britain's preparation for the next war is practically nonexistent. Most of the plans, possibly 90 per cent., are still on paper.

A stranger arriving in England would have a hard job reconciling any ideas he might have that Britain is panic-strickenly throwing up the barricades with the actual facts.

The normal life of the country is scarcely of conversation.

Almost the only concrete evidence the stranger would see to-day are the trenches, relics of the September crisis. And they are not much to look at. Just long banks of upland earth, marring the symmetry of the parks, and often as not half-full of water.

PROTECTION FOR 1,000,000

THEY were crude, hastily contrived affairs, and the government has now more or less abandoned them as a means of protection. It has ordered that those already dug are to be reinforced with steel and kept in good condition, but no more are to be built. The banks of earth are to be made into flower-beds. They can, if necessary, provide protection for about 1,000,000 people.

The stranger might also see a few men and women wearing little silver badges of various shapes in their button-holes. These are the insignia of the qualified air-raid precautions workers, or the auxiliary police, or one of the scores of other volunteer defence services.

But the stranger would be unusually fortunate if he were to meet one of these workers. In my own quite wide circle of acquaintances, I know of barely half-a-dozen who have taken up A.R.P. work. There is definitely no sign as yet of that nation-wide response to the government's call to national service, for which it hopes.

NEWSPAPER CRITICISM

THE STRANGER would gather most of his information from the newspapers. Not a day passes without some story in all the papers. Sometimes just a paragraph recording the initiative of some local council. Sometimes a front-page story on a government announcement. More often than not, a criticism of existing conditions.

And always there are advertisements for air-raid protection, from two-line "classifieds" to full-page spreads. They offer shelters, shovels, pails, asbestos suits, wardrobes for keeping air-raid kit, sand-bags, and a hundred and one articles that might be useful in a dug-out.

The shelters range from crude affairs of corrugated iron over a hole in the back-yard, which cost about £1, to de-luxe concrete pill-boxes, fully equipped, from £20 upwards. The shovels and pails are for handling incendiary bombs. They followed the government's statement that every household should be equipped with a long-handled shovel and a large tin pail. The idea is that if an incendiary bomb drops in your garden you can scoop it into a pailful of sand and rush it out of harm's way.

Continuing the stranger's adventures, he would undoubtedly encounter nine people out of ten if he asked them what they had done with their gas-masks.

Forty million of them were distributed in crisis week. Previously the government had said that they would be stored to prevent deterioration. But after the crisis, it was decided to let the public take care of them, and cardboard boxes were to be provided for them.

Most people threw them into a cupboard, out of sight and mind. Others gave them to the children to play with. A few found them a satisfactory means of committing suicide.

One man, at least, destroyed his. He was summoned for damaging government property, but the magistrate ruled that it was his own property, the gift of the government.

There was an order that local A.R.P. organisations should "visit every household" and check up on the masks, replacing faulty ones, of which there were many in the September rush. But this is no (Continued on Page 11.)

RECORDS TOPPLE IN FIFTH CRICKET TEST MATCH

M.C.C. WELL ON WAY TO GREAT PERFORMANCE EDRICH MAKES AMENDS FOR PAST FAILURES

The M.C.C. tourists in South Africa are well on the way to putting up the highest score ever made in a Test, 411 made by England against Australia at Sydney in the 1924-25 series—in spite of this England lost by 193 runs—but they are still 76 behind the 572 made by New South Wales against South Australia at Sydney in the 1907-8 season.

As it is, the M.C.C. have already broken the record fourth innings total in a Test, 411 made by England against Australia at Sydney in the 1924-25 series—in spite of this England lost by 193 runs—but they are still 76 behind the 572 made by New South Wales against South Australia at Sydney in the 1907-8 season.

Durban, Mar. 13. A record partnership in Test matches between England and South Africa was established by Gibb and Edrich to-day when they brought the M.C.C. second innings score in the Final Test to 333 for 1 at lunch time. The previous record was held by Sutcliffe and Tyldesley, whose partnership at Johannesburg in the 1927-28 tour produced 230 runs.

It was a glorious wicket which was rolled out well, although slightly worn in spots, when the spectators began to gather this morning. Witter Hammond, M.C.C. captain, was in no mood to take any chances and warned the spectators through a loudspeaker not to approach the wicket, which showed signs of cracking.

The batsmen were very slow at the start, only nine runs being scored in 30 minutes. Gibb reached his century in 302 minutes and he had then hit a five and two fours.

It took 310 minutes of batting to bring the total to 301. The partnership yielded 200 in 244 minutes. Gibb had then scored 105 and Edrich 128. Edrich was in great form and delighted the spectators with his grand driving. He punished all except Langton, who kept a good length. When the lunch adjournment came the score was 333 for 1. Gibb had 112 to his credit and Edrich 152, which included 17 fours.

There was a crowd of 3,000 when the match was resumed. After adding 25 runs to the total Gibb was bowled by Dalton, a top spinner taking his middle stump, 358 for 2. Gibb made 123 in a solid innings lasting 451 minutes. The partnership yielded 280 runs, which was the biggest in the British-South African Tests, beating the test of Hobbs and Sutcliffe of 268 at Lord's in 1924.

Edrich with crisp driving sent three to the boundary. His total at the tea interval was 215, including 23 fours. Hammond, who joined Edrich, had 34, with the total at 442 for 2. W. J. Edrich, who had failed so often in the past in Test matches, jumped into his best form in this Test, and took his Friday's score of 107 to 210 before being dismissed yesterday.

Edrich's great innings terminated shortly after tea. He was caught at silly leg by Gordon, who dived low to make the catch, off Langton's bowling. The score stood at 447. Edrich had made amends at last for his many past failures. He scored 219 in a brilliant innings, which occupied 436 minutes. He gave no chance at all during all this time and featured his play with sound on driving. He hit 25 fours. Hammond reached his 50 in 132 minutes, hitting three fours. He and Paynter were very cautious in poor light and stumps were drawn with the English total at 496 for

three wickets, Hammond having 50 not out and Paynter 24 not out.

South Africa—First Innings . . . 530
Second Innings . . . 481
M.C.C.—First Innings . . . 316
M.C.C.—2ND INNS.

Hutton, b Mitchell . . . 55
Gibb, b Dalton . . . 120
Edrich, c Gordon, b Langton . . . 219
Hammond, not out . . . 58
Paynter, not out . . . 24
Extras . . . 20

Total (for 3 wks.) . . . 490

Fall of wickets:—1 (Hutton) for 88; 2 (Gibb) for 358; 3 (Edrich) for 447.

CAHN'S TOURISTS

Wellington, Mar. 13. The cricket Test between New Zealand and Sir Julien Cahn's XI was reduced to one day owing to rain.

New Zealand declared at 170 for 5, Wallace being 54 not out. Ongley 35 and Whitelaw 26 were in the opening partnership which produced 50. Walsh took 4 for 57.

The tourists scored 163 for 7. Hammond made 44. Oldfield, 42 not out, and Watts, 32, made 70 between them for the sixth wicket. Cowie took 3 for 40.—Reuter.

Tennis Programme For To-day

If the ground is in a fit state for play, the tennis championships at the Hongkong C.C. will be resumed this afternoon. There has been no play since Thursday.

The programme arranged for to-day is as follows:

Open Singles
S. W. Liang v. N. A. E. Mackay
F. H. Kwok v. P. S. Leong
Luk Chun-cheong v. C. H. Bax
T. A. Pearce v. W. K. Ma

Open Doubles
Chan Kam-moon v. I. M. A. Razack
and Wong Fuk-nam v. A. R. Minu
S. A. Rumlaha v. Lee Wal-long
and H. D. and Lu Tak-cheuk
J. W. Leonard v. Paul Kong
and George and B. Selo
Choa

Manchester City Defeated

London, Mar. 13. In the second division of the English Football League, Millwall, at home, to-day defeated Manchester City by three goals to one.—Reuter.



Muddy, dishevelled but triumphant, the Police "Sevens" rugby team posed for this picture after beating P. and O. Building and Another in the final of the Seven-a-Side Tournament at Happy Valley on Saturday. Left to right—B. C. Fay, L. Oakley, G. S. Wilson (Capt.), Sgt. Ridley, D. H. Taylor, E. W. Luscombe, L. A. Searle, H. W. E. Heath and Dr. J. A. R. Selby (Referee).—Photo by Mee Cheung.

Clare Head Of River For First Time

London, Feb. 10.

The Lent races concluded at Cambridge yesterday when there was a very good attendance on the towing path, particularly in the vicinity of Dilton.

The day's bumps totalled 25, making a grand total of 102 for the four days. Clare remained head of the river, a position they have never reached before, and gained their ears.

Other crews to gain their ears by going up four or more places were Trinity Hall, Magdalene, King's, Emmanuel III, and Sidney Sussex III. The head of the river crew are P. H. Jackson (bow), W. S. Hacking, P. A. J. Lewis, D. E. Stevenson, R. A. Peckles-Brown, W. M. Turnbull, L. Quartermaine, G. N. Borton (stroke), and F. E. Whipp (cox).

Following the time-honoured custom, the coxswain was thrown into the river when the crew returned to their boathouse.

Five bumps were made in the top division yesterday, and Clare remained head without any difficulty. Jesus were some distance away but were in no great danger from Pembroke, who were bumped by Trinity Hall at the Glasshouse after a splendid race. Lady Margaret bumped Selwyn quite early at First Post Corner, but Jesus II had to go right to the railway bridge before catching First Trinity.

St. Catharine's and Christ's rowed over well apart, but Corpus Christi were unable to withstand a strong challenge from the victorious Magdalene, who bumped them at Dilton Corner and gained their ears. Queen's and Emmanuel had a splendid race over the later stages of the course, but no bump was recorded. King however, who had rowed in the previous division, did well to bump Calus at First Post Corner and gain their ears.

Rugby League Cup Draw

London, Mar. 13.

The draw of the Rugby League Cup semi-finals resulted as follows. Halifax or Wakefield v. Leeds. Salford v. Wigan. These matches will be played on April 1.—Reuter.

Here And There With "Abe"

Police Rugger Seven Win In Their Second Attempt

IN their second attempt, the Police rugger players on Saturday were able to walk off with the Blarney Stone Shield in the Seven-a-Side Tournament at Happy Valley, beating the P. and O. Building and Another in the final by 8-3. While it is true that this is only the second year in which they have competed in the Tournament, some of their players have been playing rugger in the Colony for quite a long time. G. S. Wilson, H. W. E. Heath and E. W. Luscombe, for instance, have been turning out for the Club sides more or less regularly during the last couple of seasons, but B. C. Fay, L. A. Searle, D. H. Taylor and L. Oakley are playing their first season of rugger in Hongkong, though, judging by their displays since the Police were able to field a full-fledged team some weeks ago, they must have had a great deal of experience at the game at home. There is no doubt that the Police seven, who were extremely well-balanced, fully deserved their success; yet it was a pity that P. and O. had the misfortune of losing J. T. Brown, their full-back, so shortly after the commencement of the game in the final. With Brown in the side, the P. and O. would have had a great chance of rumping home; for in W. E. Grieco and H. D. Bidwell, they had the most dangerous pair of three-quarters in the Tournament. But with Brown out of the team, Bidwell had to concentrate more on defence and his effectiveness in attack was thus necessarily reduced.

Well-Matched

BUT if Bidwell's attacking opportunities were few, he was kept busy in defence by the many breakaways of Wilson and Taylor, the Police backs. In the final match, as our rugger correspondent, "Fly-Half," remarked yesterday, it is doubtful whether Wilson has ever played better rugger in Hongkong than he did on Saturday. It was he who started many of the Police movements but if he started them, it was Taylor who finished them. The latter, weighing over 15 stone, possessing a very long stride and a vicious hand-off, was a most difficult man to stop. Whenever he was in possession, a Police always seemed likely to score. The only man who could cope with him was Bidwell, who tackled extremely well throughout the whole afternoon. On at least two occasions when Taylor seemed into him in the only effective manner—low and hard—and was able to prevent a score. Nevertheless right to the end, Taylor was the Policemen's main hope, and he justified their confidence by scoring the winning try.

Splendid Record

HAD P. and O. won the Blarney Stone Shield, W. E. Grieco, a member of the team, would have been a very difficult indeed to equal, let alone to beat. From 1932, when the Seven-a-Side Tournament was instituted, till 1938, the Blarney Stone Shield had been won every year, except 1934, by a Club team, and P. and O. was a member of every

successful Sevens team from 1932 to 1938! If P. and O. had won, he would have been a member of seven winning teams out of eight in the history of the Tournament. No other player approaches anywhere near him for such consistency.

Soccer Omission

A RECENT incident at Newcastle revealed an omission in the laws of soccer. What happens when the referee is injured? Should he immediately blow his whistle, if capable of doing so, or should the game continue until the ball has gone out of play? During the Newcastle game with Coventry when neither side had scored, Bowden, the Newcastle inside-left, shot hard for goal. The ball knocked referee C. Booth flat on his back, and while he lay on the ground, Stubbins sent the ball into the net. No goal was allowed. After the game was over Mr. Booth explained that when he was hit on the jaw by the ball, realising that he was not in a condition to carry on, he immediately blew his whistle for play to stop.

Ask Linesmen

OPINION as to whether the referee was right is divided. Those who think he was wrong argue that if a ball strikes a referee during play, nothing happens. The game goes on. If he is hurt, as in this case, then the same law should apply to him as it does to a player unlicked by the ball. The referee is only slightly injured the game shall not be stopped until the ball was gone out of play. After all, they add, there are two linesmen watching what is going on. One of their duties is to assist the referee to control the game (Law 6). They are advised by the F.A. to note everything that is happening in case the referee should miss anything or be unlighted. His supporters point out that the referee is the sole judge of fact!

Another Incident

HERE'S another peculiar incident, but this occurred on the cricket field. In a recent match played in the local Junior League, a bowler appealed for a catch behind the stumps. The umpire ruled the batsman not out. But, probably carried away by the excitement of the moment, a fielder appealed to the square-leg umpire who, without hesitation, gave the batsman out! As both umpires were members of the batting side, no question of bias entered into the matter; but the square-leg umpire certainly had no business to over-ride the decision of his colleague. Law 47 states quite clearly, "The umpire at the bowler's wicket shall be appealed to before the other umpire in all cases except in the case of stumping, his wicket, run out at the striker's wicket, or arising out of Law 42, but in any case in which an umpire is unable to give a decision he shall appeal to the other umpire, whose decision shall be final." Obviously, the square-leg umpire can only give a decision for a catch when appealed to by the official at the bowler's wicket, and the latter having already ruled the batsman not out in this case, the square-leg umpire should not have given any decision at all. This is another instance of what sort of umpiring we get in junior cricket here.

Badminton

St. Andrew's Lose Hopes Of Winning Title

St. Andrew's "A" lost all hopes of winning the "B" Division Badminton Championship last evening when, playing against St. John's on the latter's court, they were defeated by 6-3.

This defeat of St. Andrew's "A" means that Chung-Wah, with only two defeats against them, should win the League Championship, as they have only five more comparatively easy matches to play.

St. Andrew's "B" were beaten once again last night, losing to Club de Recreio by 8-1.

Scores:

ST. JOHN'S v. ST. ANDREW'S "A"

F. H. Kwok and D. Kwok (St. John's) beat W. M. Gillies and A. E. Brown 21-15; beat W. C. Choy and S. V. Wong 21-14; lost to E. F. Fincher and H. Kew 14-21.

N. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's) beat Gillies and Brown 21-17; beat Choy and Wong 21-14; beat Fincher and Kew 23-22.

R. Behnam and R. Koh (St. John's) lost to Gillies and Brown 11-21; beat Choy and Wong 21-10; lost to Fincher and Kew 7-21.

ST. ANDREW'S "B" v. RECREIO
C. C. Pereira and C. Marques (Recreio) lost to S. Darby and L.

Two Badminton Matches To-day

Only two matches are down for decision in the Open Badminton Championships at Taikoo this evening.

In the doubles P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim will meet D. and F. H. Kwok, starting at 8 p.m. while F. Koh and T. F. Yong meet in the singles at 8.30 p.m.

The Senior Singles match between M. A. Oliveira and K. L. Yong, originally fixed to be played off this evening as well, has been postponed to next Tuesday.

Gibson 14-21; beat W. Knox and S. A. Broadbridge 24-20; beat J. Tomlinson and L. Avery 21-14.
A. E. Xavier and J. Fonseca (Recreio) beat Darby and Gibson 21-14; beat Knox and Broadbridge 24-10; beat Tomlinson and Avery 21-15.

J. de Sousa and P. Yvanovich (Recreio) beat Darby and Gibson 21-13; beat Knox and Broadbridge 21-10; beat Tomlinson and Avery 21-5.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	P.	Pts.
St. John's	18	13	5	105	39
St. Andrew's	14	11	3	68	32
"A"	13	11	2	70	32
Chung Wah	15	11	4	80	55
J. C. Tong "A"	10	8	8	76	03
Recreio	14	7	7	60	14
Wanderers	12	4	8	45	45
K. Tong "B"	13	4	9	41	70
V.R.C.	13	4	9	41	70
St. Andrew's "B"	13	1	12	10	92
S. and S. Home	14	1	13	17	100

long was unavoidably postponed owing to the indisposition of four of Macao's players.—Our Own Correspondent.

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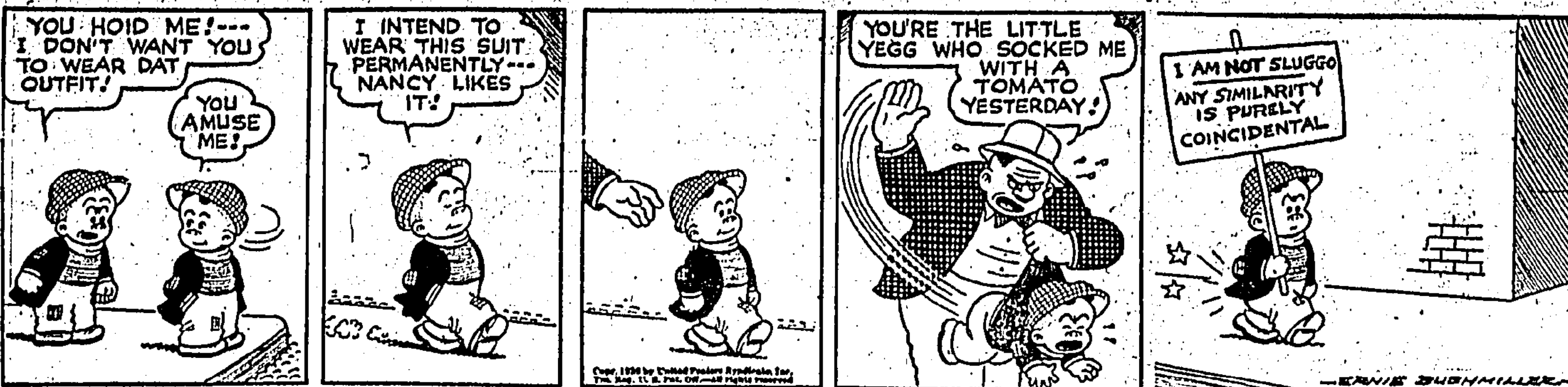
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NANCY



STANDARD OF RUGBY AT HOME DECLINES

NEW INSPIRATION IS NEEDED: AUSTRALIANS MAY SUPPLY A TONIC

London, Feb. 8.

International games played already this season have revealed the unfortunate fact that Rugby football has declined. This was the fear when England beat Wales at Twickenham: it was emphasised when Wales beat Scotland.

New inspiration is needed. The standard of club football has deteriorated, and that, of course, is reflected in the international arena. Perhaps the visit of the Australians next season may start a new fashion and furnish a new impulse.

Old players in Wales are not shy to say that half the players in Welsh first-class Rugby to-day would have been unable to find places in the leading teams pre-war.

Present-day lack of Rugby knowledge and lack of adaptability are two of the big handicaps. A third is that insufficient time is given to training, and to discussion of tactics. The home countries are badly in need of the spur of outside teams—the urge to excel which French clubs and international tours used to inspire.

It is a striking fact that since games with France were forbidden we have had no commendable new tactics in Rugby football, in England, Ireland or Wales.

NO NEW TACTICS
Clubs and players drift along in the old style on the old lines. Players have not found a solution to ease the situation.

Last season, and again in the international already played, there has been dissatisfaction regarding the play at the scrum. Will nothing be done now to simplify matters in this respect so that the pin pricks which start so much unpleasantness can be removed?

The attendance at club games in Wales this season have shown quite plainly that the man-in-the-street is not going to attend—Rugby games unless an effort is made to provide him with the entertainment for which he pays.

The day is gone for preaching that Rugby football in Wales is an amateur game primarily indulged in by fit men for the enjoyment they get out of it.

Amateur Rugby is a business; it cannot now cease to be a business unless the governing body leads a campaign for a completely new outlook, in which the constitution of the Union itself is placed upon a different footing.

Under the present constitution the votes of the older clubs, with big memberships and responsibility of running six, eight, or even 11 teams, count no more in nominating county representatives on the Union, than those of newly-formed clubs

with comparatively few members, and who run only one team in very junior circles.

A number of such organisations could, if they wished, swamp the votes of their seniors and do incalculable harm to the game.

The interests of these clubs who are part and parcel of Rugby, must be safeguarded, and although the question arises with difficulties, it should not be impossible to evolve a scheme that would be more satisfactory than the present one.

MORE SHOULD BE MADE
Players everywhere are keen on resuming matches with French clubs. The Rugby Union cannot act independently of the other home unions, but there is a growing demand that someone should make a move in the matter.

As far as we know nothing is being done and clubs are entitled to ask, as they are doing, what steps are being taken by the unions to carry out the latter part of the resolution, passed as long ago as 1931, breaking off relations with France.

This reads "unless and until we are satisfied that the control and conduct of the game (in France) has been placed on a satisfactory basis in all essentials."
We are constantly being assured, by officials of the union that the game is for the player. In this respect at least the wishes of the player are being disregarded in a way that denies such statements.

THE SCRUMMAGE LAW
A general desire also exists for a simplification of the scrum. To this the Rugby Union are certainly lending a sympathetic ear, but the three years' truce between the four unions has not yet expired. When it does, whatever alteration is desired must be passed by the International Board, the combined ages of whose 10 members aggregate round about 700 years.

Why, once nominated to a seat on the board, one should remain there for life is another point that gives rise to righteous discontent.



Kay Francis' latest heart throb is little Dickie Moore, who plays her son in "My Bill" now showing at the King's Theatre. It is a tender story of family life.

TENNIS "OPEN" IN 5 YEARS' TIME

Tilden Prophesies The End Of Wimbledon

London, Feb. 15.

W. T. Tilden, former Wimbledon champion, gives amateur tennis "five more years to live" as now constituted. After that, he considers an open championship between amateurs and professionals must come.

"All the great players are gradually drawing away from the amateur game," he said yesterday. "The time will come when there are none left to attract the crowds. With no gate money-spinners left, there will have to be an open championship."

Tilden, who is competing in a professional tournament at Olympia next month, hinted that if the authorities refused to listen to professionals now, the professionals might refuse when the question of their competing against amateurs came to a head.

Geoffrey Simpson, sports writer of the Daily Mail, makes the following comments:
Tilden thinks that we may say goodbye to Wimbledon, the Davis Cup and all that in five years, unless the ruling bodies agree to link up with him and the other star professionals and run open tournaments.

He may be right—one can never tell. Most people agree that the authorities are performing the King Canute act with the blind refusal to face facts which is so typical. But I think we have to watch this implied threat with some care. Granted that many amateurs to-day are at least partly subsidised, it is a fact that amateur lawn tennis is 100 per cent. "on the up-and-up," as they say.

There are no arranged victories—they are just unthinkable. There are suspensions, however, that some professional tours and tournaments have been staged deliberately to produce a spectacle and advance publicity for the next show.

Suppose our leading professionals did something of the kind at a Wimbledon Open? That would kill tennis as dead as yesterday's mutton.

QUESTIONS

If recognition were given, moreover, would it mean that all leading amateurs and especially those now subsidised, would immediately want a pay envelope?

Would it mean that in every wretched little country tournament every wretched little racket man would be a racketeer? Might it mean the end of amateur tennis altogether? Let's think that over, too.

If our professionals are going to be so strong in five years' time might they not start to "stick up" the big tournaments—which produce the money for less attractive but more constructive ventures?

"And if the professionals become so important as Tilden suggests, would

Tennis On If No More Rain

If there is no more rain, the tennis programme arranged for this afternoon will be played, according to the Hongkong C.C.

King's College Sports Meet

The Ninth Annual Athletic Sports of King's College will be held at Caroline Hill (South China A.A. ground) on March 24, commencing at 1.30 p.m. Mrs. H. G. Wallington has kindly consented to present the prizes.

It means the end of the Davis Cup, which would sink in importance just as amateur football did with the advent of professionalism? Do we want that?

NO GUARANTEE

What guarantee have we that the professionals will "raise the sport to a higher standard"? Of what? How do we know that professional tennis won't be dead in five years? It isn't so terribly prosperous anywhere outside America, and even there only in exhibition tours.

If our lawn tennis authorities are clever, they will step in and control all professional play, including "exhibitions." They will bind them down firmly to their laws and create a position so that these laws cannot be broken with impunity.

Then they can perhaps go ahead with their Wimbledon Open. Run properly, it would undoubtedly be a great attraction.

Cricket Fixtures Re-Arranged Clubs Asked To Co-Operate

The Cricket League Committee held a meeting this morning to re-arrange the fixtures for the rest of the season. The following were the matches re-arranged:

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

First Division

Club de Recreo v. Hongkong C.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. Indian R.C.

Second Division

Hongkong C.C. v. Club de Recreo
Craigengower C.C. v. Police C.C.
Indian R.C. v. Civil Service C.C.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

First Division

Club de Recreo v. Navy
Civil Service C.C. v. Army
Hongkong C.C. v. Craigengower C.C.

Second Division

Police R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
Craigengower C.C. v. Hongkong C.C.
Indian R.C. v. Club de Recreo
Navy v. University

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Second Division

Police R.C. v. Navy
Indian R.C. v. Club de Recreo
Civil Service C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.

The League Committee have had no time to consult the various clubs regarding these fixtures, but they hope the clubs will co-operate by agreeing with the dates arranged. Those who cannot be asked to communicate with Mr. A. H. Madar, Hon. Secretary of the League, as soon as they can.

HYAMS TOO FAST FOR McGRORY

Former Title-Holder Beaten On Points

London, Feb. 21.

Tommy Hyams, the King's Cross light-weight, gave one of the best displays of his long career when he outpointed Johnny McGrory (Glasgow), former British and Empire feather-weight champion, in one of six eight-round contests at the National Sporting Club, Earls Court, last night.

McGrory was never given a chance to settle down and set himself for a damaging attack. Hyams adopted terrier-like tactics, and was always forcing the pace.

Two-handed attacks to the body upset the Scot in the early stages, and he was forced on the defensive, with the result that there was a lot of close-quarter work, and Referee Teddy Waltham was kept busy separating the men.

LONDONER MASTER

McGrory scored an occasional right cross to the jaw as Hyams rushed in, but generally the Londoner was master of the situation. He varied his work cleverly and jarred the Scot several times with hooks to the jaw.

Hyams seemed likely to lose the initiative in the fourth round, during which McGrory put in his best effort, and was definitely on top, but the Londoner came up strong for the next session, and quickly recovered any ground he had lost.

McGrory tried hard to find an opening for a changing blow, but Hyams was always a little cleverer for him, and secured a well-earned decision.

EFFICIENT SUBSTITUTE

Frank Parkes, the young Nottingham butcher, who holds the Midland Area feather-weight title, proved an efficient substitute for Billy Walker (Stratford) when he beat Johnny McManus (Glasgow) in the final session of their encounter.

Referee Moss Devoy wisely ended what had been something of a one-sided battle to save the Scot from further needless punishment. Parkes was far too clever for a slow opponent.

OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7)
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CYCLING RECORD BROKEN

On Sunday last, with a performance equalling in brilliance his racing effort in June, 1937, over the same route, H. A. G. Keates succeeded in lowering the Kowloon Circuit 50 miles Tourist record by 20 mins. 20 secs. to 2 hrs. 55 mins. 26 secs. averaging 17.1 m.p.h.

Races were despatched at 8.46 a.m. by Messrs. Ng Chung and Leung Yuc-ye, timekeepers, and made a slow start on Slippery roads, using a 74" fixed gear. The first 5 miles occupied 17.42, and 17 1/2 miles were travelled in the initial hour. At Kam-tin, a time of 1.21.18 was returned, no less than 10.34 slower than the leading rider at this point in the recent Tourist Time Trial. From Kam-tin, however, Keates showed a continual and increasing gain on previous figures, and the final time at the check, the trial leader's time at the check. The second hour produced 17 1/2 miles and left 15 1/2 miles to be covered in the remaining hour Keates had scheduled.

Hitherto the mists and light rain kept the rider in a fresh condition, but the roads were fast drying between Fanling and the finish. Continuing his steady 17-18 m.p.h. on the level, and ascending the long arduous climbs from Tupo and Shanin at over 11 m.p.h. Keates left little doubt as to the result, and was no less than 28.13 faster than the recent trial winner at the termination of his ride.

Messrs. Gibbs and Stubbs observed the rider in the early stages, whilst the brothers Remedios (the younger of whom rode such an excellent race at last week's track event) were also witnesses of the ride. Times taken at the 5-miles points were as follows, the section time being given in brackets.—5 miles—17.42; 10—34.33 (16.51); 15—51.23 (16.55); 20—1.08.00 (16.38); 25—1.25.09 (17.03); 30—1.42.10 (16.01); 35—2.00.12 (16.02); 40—2.18.17 (18.06); 45—2.35.26 (18.34); and 50—2.55.26 (18.34).

Hongkong Cycling Club competitors finished 1st, 3rd, and 4th, in the 5,000 metres event promoted by St. Joseph's College at Caroline Hill on March 9. The winner, Keates, punctured in the 12th lap, and changed machines twice before crossing the line a half-length ahead of R. Remedios, whilst Ng Chung obtained third place after a fall. A gear of 68" was used by the winner.

The next event being arranged by the Hongkong Cycling Club will be a hill-climb of approximately 500 yards, and will be open to Chinese riders only. Four prizes are being awarded to the fastest competitors. Training for the event will commence on Wednesday, March 15, intending competitors being invited to meet at the Methodist Church, Hennessy Road, Wanchai, at 6 p.m. An early start will be made for next Sunday's outing, which is scheduled to leave the Alhambra Theatre at 8 a.m.

McManus had little of the map and precision of former occasions, and he was an easy target for his nippy and workmanlike opponent.

Like a damaging punch, he would have won in much quicker time, but his judgment was not of his defence.

ADAMSON CUP GOLF Draw For Competition At Happy Valley

S. T. Butlin, with a score of 63-12=71, qualified in the Adamson Cup March Qualifying Round at Happy Valley, played during March 5 and 12.

The first round draw of the match play stages is as follows:
F. Buckle v. T. D. Paton; S. T. Butlin v. A. I. Burnie; H. Smith v. G. T. May; J. Stenerson v. E. Tuck. Matches are to be played on the mornings of the following dates (or by mutual consent on earlier dates):
First round on or before April 2. Semi-finals on or before April 10. Final on or before April 30.

The first name in each bracket is responsible for making arrangements.
Fauling Boyce Pool
The Fanning Boyce (Fur) Pool, played on the Old Course over the week-end was won by W. J. E. Mackenzie (18) 2 up. Other scorers were M. G. Carruthers (24) and A. C. I. Bowker (10) all square. There were 32 entries.

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THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 18th March, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.
The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27704), will close at 12 NOON.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax for all persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order, O. B. BROWN, Secretary
Hongkong, 18th March, 1939.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"My Bill" (King's, to-day).—Tom Barry's play, "Courage," reworked into a vehicle for Kay Francis as a mother with no money sense. She gets herself and her fatherless children into all sorts of difficulties, from which they are extricated by Dickie Moore as the youngest. Bonita Granville, Anita Louise, Bobby Jordan, John Littel and Elizabeth Risdon are others in the cast.

"Zaza" (Queen's, to-day).—A classic of stage and screen is reborn in sumptuous style. The powerful and dramatic tale of an illicit love that is stronger than life itself, set against a glittering background of Parisian vaudeville. Supporting Claudette Colbert, the splendid cast includes Herbert Marshall, Bert Lahr, Helen Westley, Clarence Collier and Genevieve Tobin.

"Arizona Raiders" (Alhambra, to-day).—Larry Crabbe rides, swims and shoots his way through a thrilling yarn of cattle-theft and adventure by Zane Grey. Marsha Hunt takes the feminine lead.

"Drums" (Oriental, to-day).—In magnificent technicolour this is a stirring tale of the North-Western Frontier. With Sabu, Roger Livesey, Raymond Massey, Valerie Hobson and Desmond Tester in the cast.

"Three Smart Girls" (Majestic, to-day).—The film which sky-rocketed Deanna Durbin to fame some years ago. In every respect a wonderfully entertaining picture.

"Caroline" (Cathay, to-day).—Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire united in another splendid singing dancing hit.

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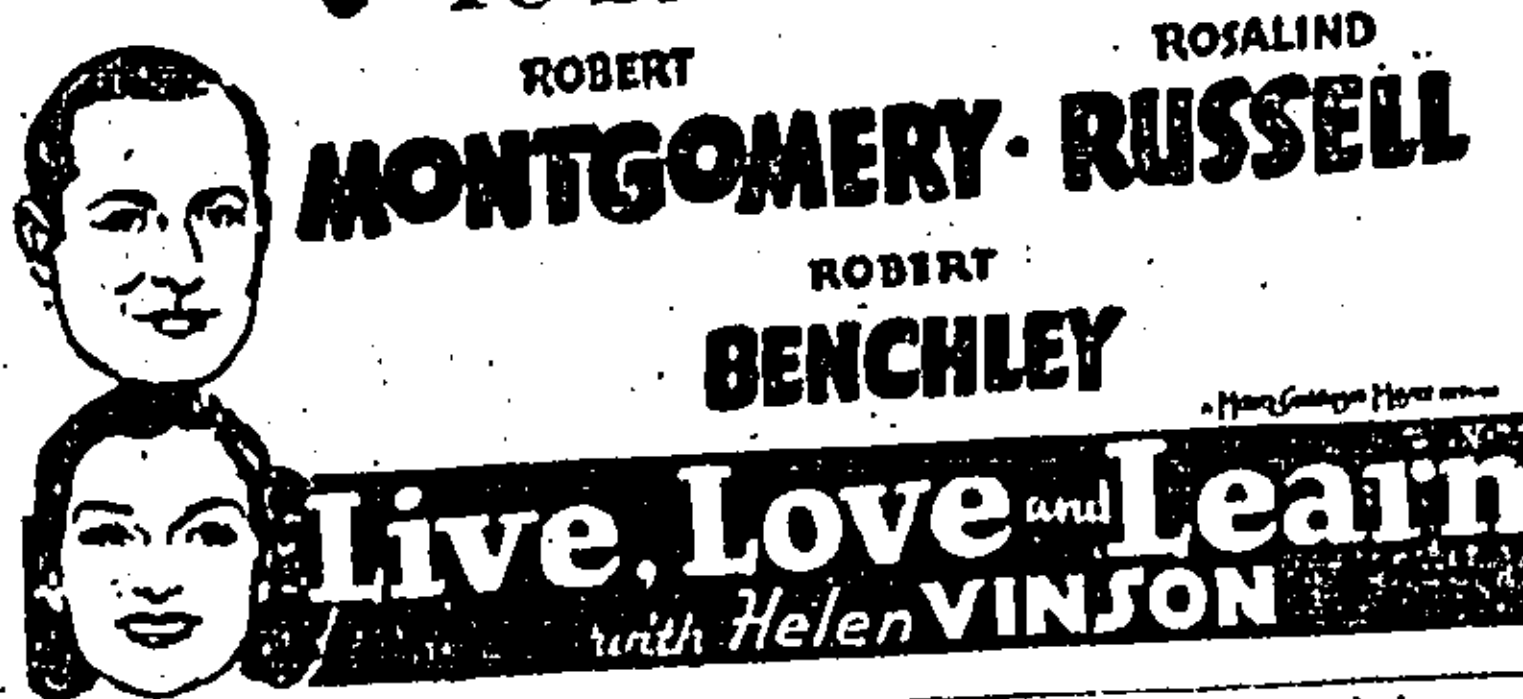
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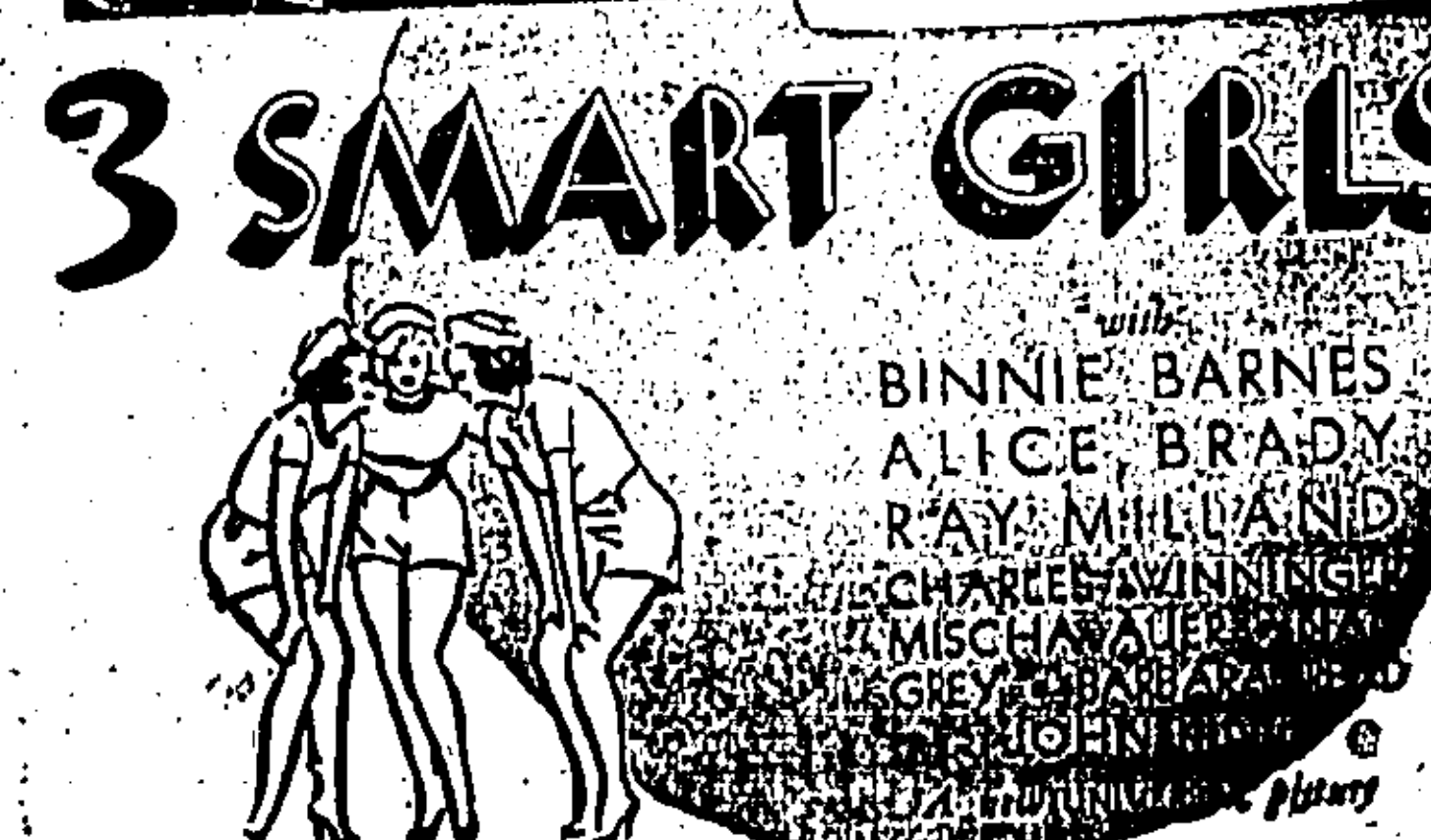
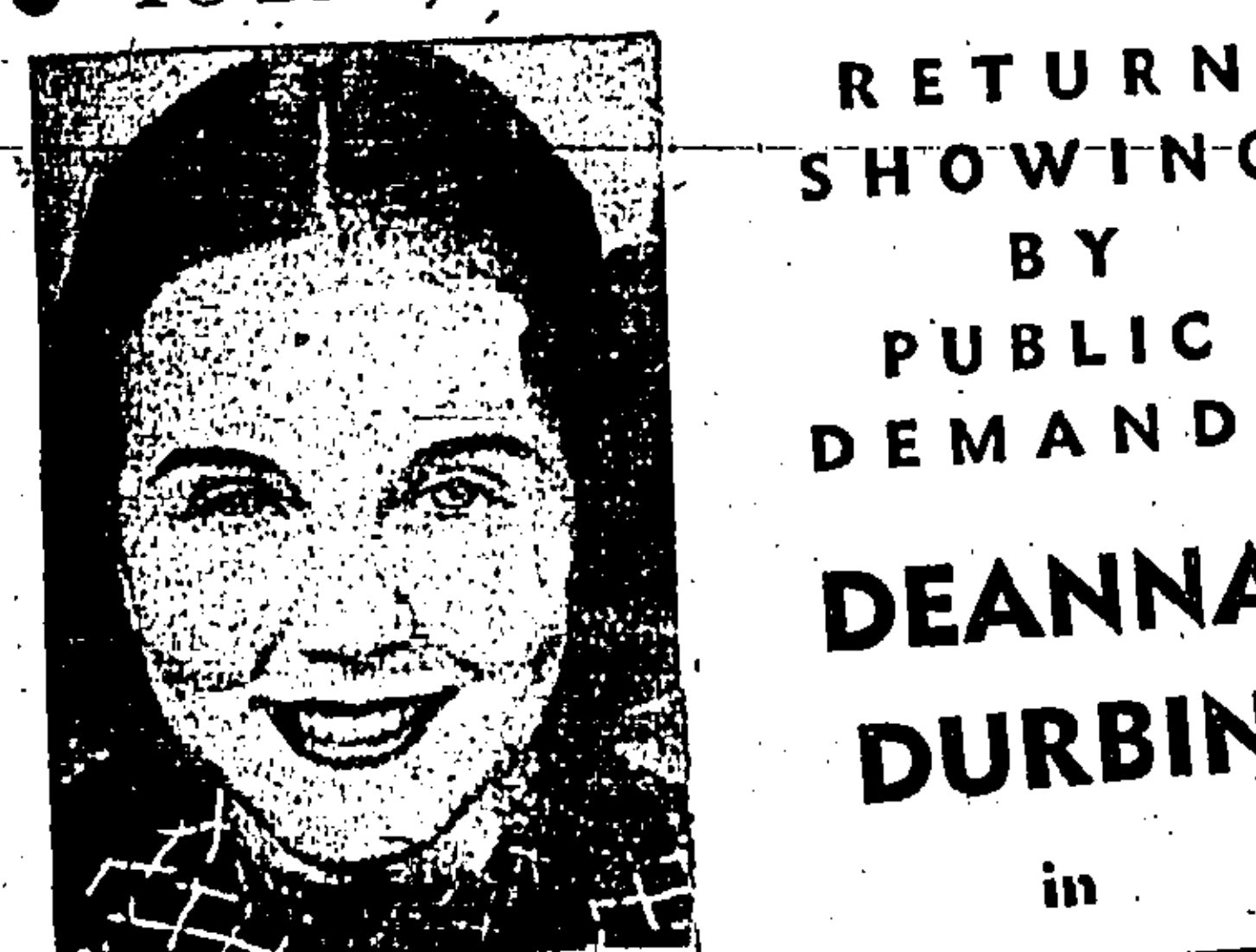
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LATE NEWS

3 POWERS PROTEST

Notes Received In Tokyo

TOKYO, Mar. 14. — Acting on instructions from their respective home Governments, the British, American and French Ambassadors have presented representations in writing to the Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita, on the new currency measures introduced by the Provisional Government in North China.

The Powers' notes, it is understood, pointed out that the measures taken by the Provisional Government with a view to concentrating foreign exchange in the Federal Reserve Bank created not only to prejudice the freedom of commerce guaranteed by treaties but also to apply discriminatory treatment against third Powers in disregard of the principle of equal opportunity.

Informed quarters understand that the Japanese Government would not be able to yield to the Powers' representations. In its counter-communications, the same quarters indicate, the Japanese Government will point out that the steps taken by the Provisional Government were only a law of necessity and that they neither the freedom of commerce nor for any discriminatory treatment against third Powers.

The Japanese Government will, it is understood, further point out that the steps have been taken independently by the Provisional Government and that the Japanese Government was not in a position to accept these representations from the Powers.

Reminding that Japan will also be obliged to go through the same customs procedures as those facing other foreign Powers, the Japanese Government will refuse to recognize the alleged violation of the principle of equal opportunity. — Domei.

London Papers On Crisis

London, Mar. 14. — The relationship of the Anglo-French guarantee regarding the post Munich boundaries of Czechoslovakia to the threatened new dismemberment of the Republic does not escape the attention of morning newspapers in London.

It is generally agreed that the guarantee does not arise at the present juncture.

While some writers are content with the belief that it only in part will apply in the event of external aggression the "Times" editorially finds that the implication was not only that it was not an individual but a collective guarantee (to which Italy and Germany are also parties) but it did not involve military commitments. This aspect of the situation apart, the morning newspapers show unanimous sympathy with Prague in its new dilemma and distrust the part Germany is playing.

The "Daily Telegraph," pointing out that Hitler still withholds his guarantee, adds that what he wants is not yet clear, "but whatever it is it does not appear on the present showing to be domestic tranquility in an independent Czechoslovakia State.

Independence for Czechoslovakia's most eastern province of Ruthenia is considered by some writers as much on the cards as an independent Slovakia and is given the pre-eminence expected in the light of the Hungarian and Polish desire for a common frontier through the province, which Germany has already vetoed once. — Reuter.

Hapsburg Property Confiscation

Vienna, Mar. 14. — A decree formally confiscating all the Hapsburg property in favour of the German State will be published on Tuesday. — Reuter.

THE POLICE RESERVE

Orders Issued for The Current Week

Police Reserve orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police, state:

Chinese Company
Strength.—Constable R128 Chan Yiu Hing has been taken on the strength of the Chinese Company, as from March 7, 1939.

Training Course.—Part II.—The undermentioned members of the Chinese Company will attend Chinese Company Headquarters for Part II of Training Course on Tuesday, March 14, at 17.30 hours sharp:

Constables R9 Fang May On, R16 S. C. Liang, R26 Lui Chi Chiu, R30 Lau Kwan Po, R105 Lam Kwok Yiu, R106 Tang Shiu Woon, R107 Woo Chai Sin, R108 Woo Tak Sin, R109 Lal Tsang Tsam, R110 Chen Kai Wah, R112 Chan Ching Man, R113 Tang Chung Fui, R116 Ko Kar Ming, R120 Leung Yiu Wing, R117 Kwok King Tong, R118 Lee Chow Lam, R119 Tai Pak Yuen, R122 Fok Wa Hoi, R123 Ho Tai Wing, R124 P. E. Lee, R125 Yuen Shing Luen, R126 Ng Shew Man, R20 Wong Yung Luk, R114 J. S. Au, R127 T. P. Hing, and R128 Chan Yiu Hing.

Patrol Duty.—Nightly between 20.00 hours and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

Indian Company
Strength.—The following members have been taken on the strength of the Flying Squad, as from March 11, 1939:

Constables R361 Wong Kim Lung, R362 K. H. Mann, R363 Ma King Shing and R364 Leo Wan Choi.

Patrol Duty.—Nightly between 20.00 hours and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

Emergency Unit Reserve
Strength.—Constable R434 V. P. Dos Reis has been taken on the strength of the Emergency Unit Reserve, as from February 25, 1939.

A. R. P. Courses.—The A. R. P. Courses will be held at the Club House, 16, Ice House Street on Tuesday and Friday, March 14 and March 17, at 17.30 hours.

Patrol Duty.—Nightly between 20.00 hours and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

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TIP TO ROBBERY

CLEVELAND. — An ill wind blew no good through Mrs. A. C. Crawford's home as it caused her to investigate the source of the draught, which she discovered came from a bedroom window left open by an escaping thief. He had stolen the purses of Mrs. Crawford's three women guests.

12-Year-Old Girl's Suicide

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Police Reserve orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police, state:

REPRIMANDED GIRL

In answer to Sub-Inspector T. Whelan, witness admitted she had occasions to reprimand the girl for not paying proper attention to her two children.

Lee Yin, a tenant of the floor, said that on that morning the girl went to the kitchen to drink water. Witnesses told her not to do so as it was cold but she insisted. She used a bowl and after she had drunk the contents she staggered a few paces backward and then sat down. Sergeant H. J. Morrison testified to having visited the floor in response to a telephone message and finding bottles of nitric acid and cyanide in a room.

TOKYO NIGHTMARE OF ANOTHER WAR

(Continued from Page 1.)

the safeguarding of Japanese rights and interests, with a firm determination should the worst eventualities materialise. — Reuter.

U.S. PROTEST TO JAPAN

Washington, Mr. 13. — Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, has announced that the United States protested to Japan against the currency measures introduced into North China, and specifically objecting to the enforced circulation of Japanese currency to the exclusion of Chinese currency. — Reuter.

Flight Of Gold To America

Washington, Mar. 13. — The Department of Commerce reported to-day that during February the United States imported \$223,290,283 worth of gold, compared with \$150,426,721 the previous month. Silver imports were valued at \$8,927,465 compared with \$10,328,487. — United Press.

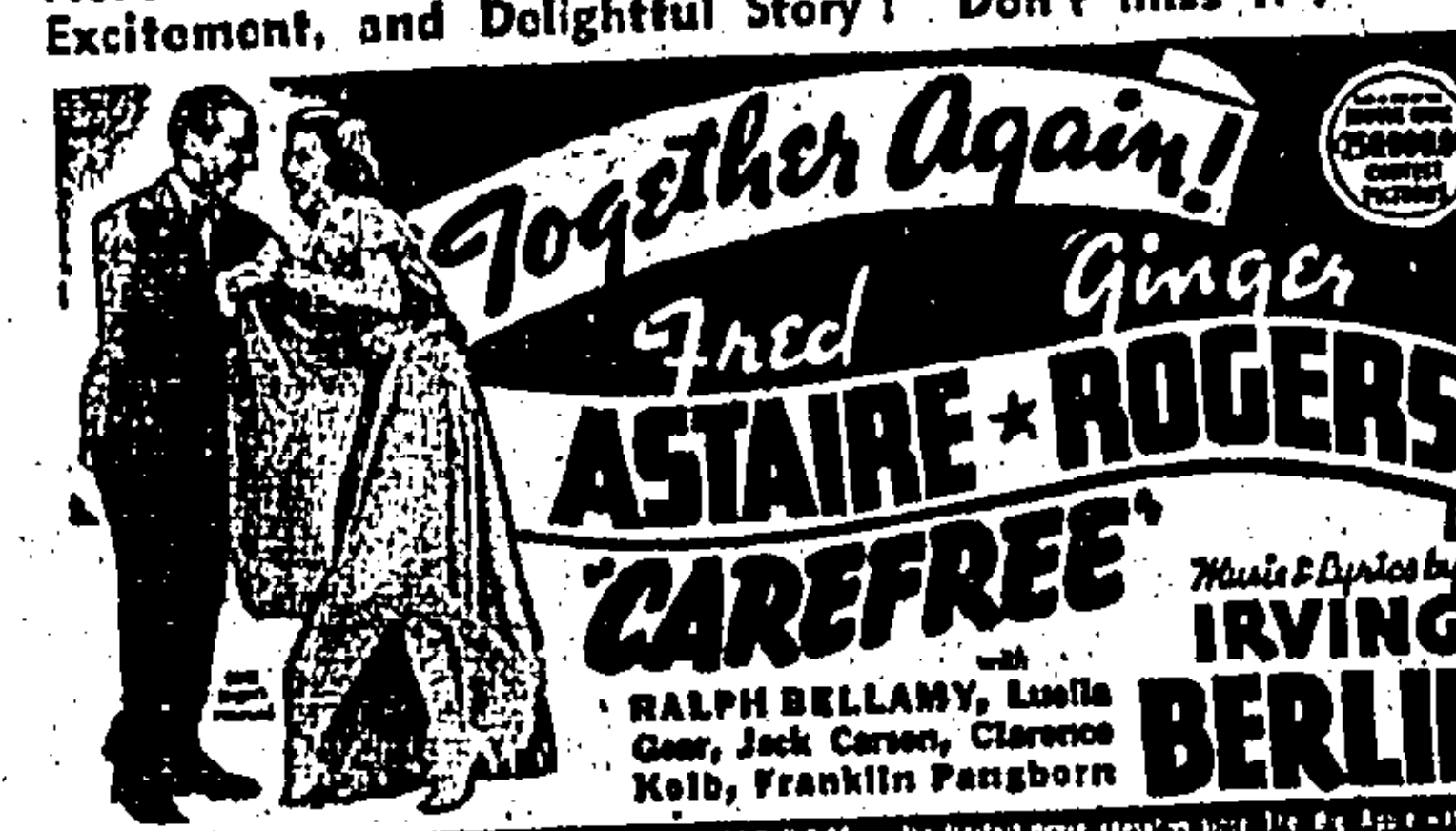
HISTORIC BIBLE

MARITZBURG, South Africa. — A Bible which was rescued from the burning pile after the recall of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, when hundreds of Protestant Bibles were publicly burned in France, has just been presented to the Natal Historical Society.

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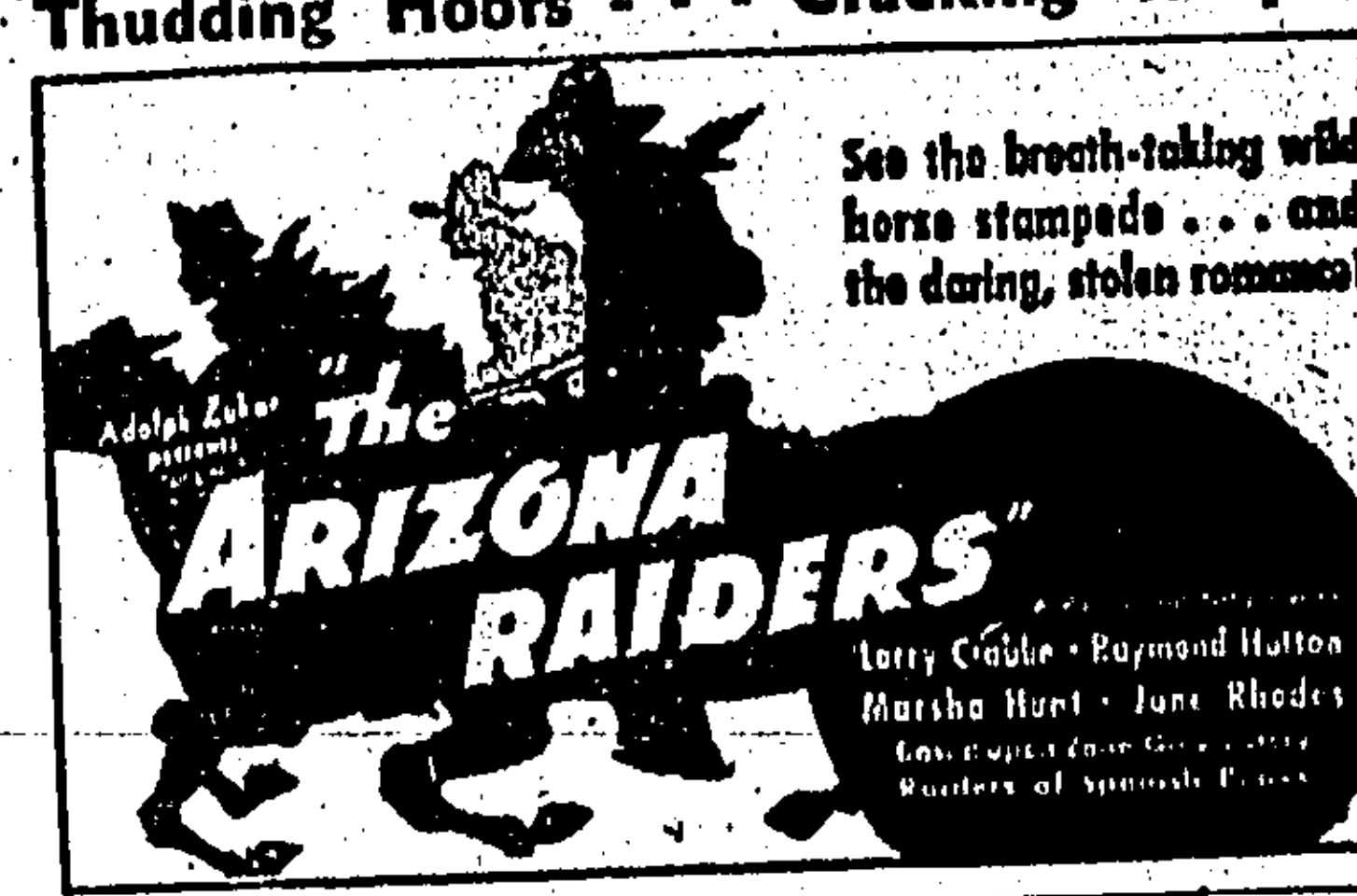
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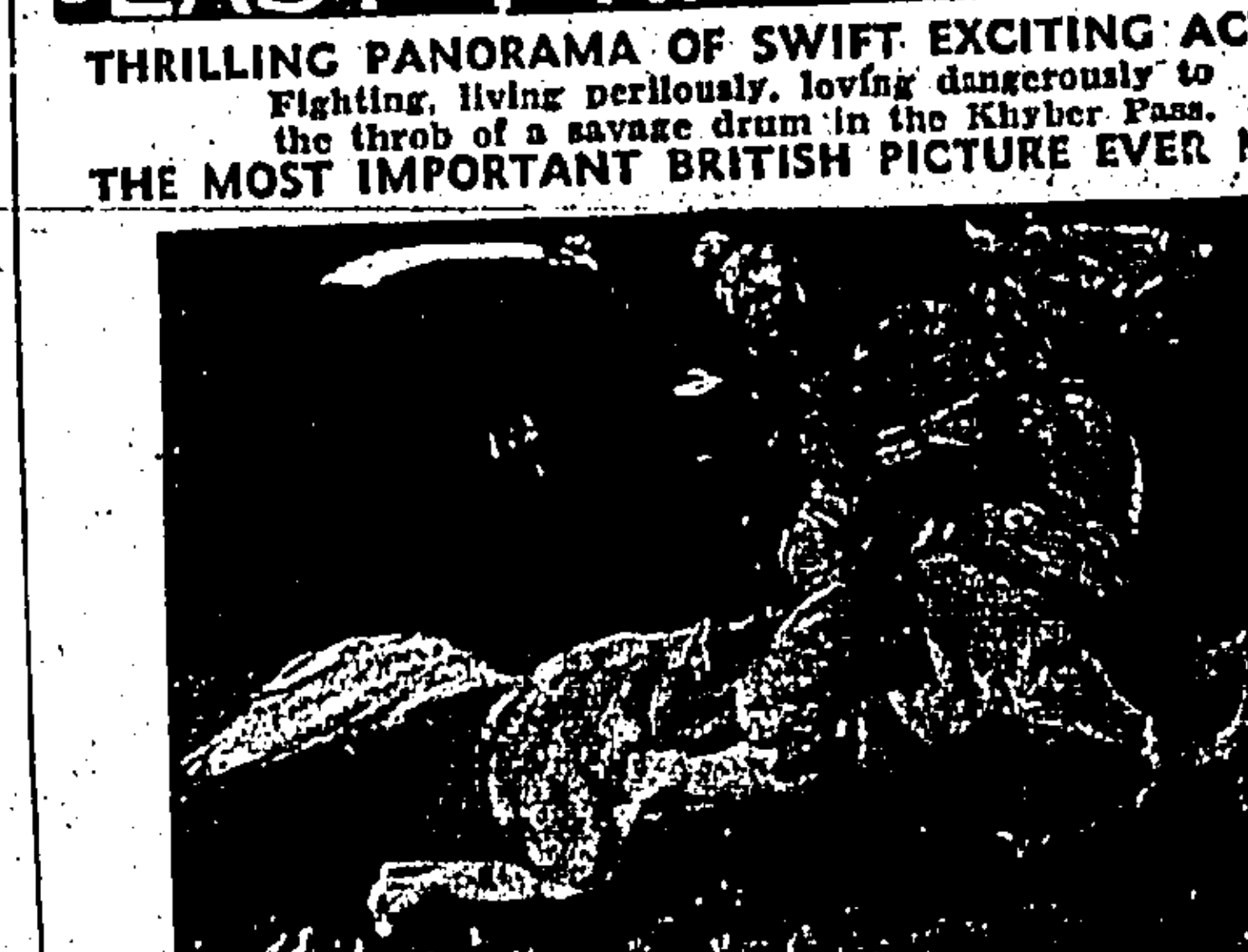
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German Plane Crashes

French Steamer Aground

Berlin, Mar. 13. — A German aeroplane crashed 23 miles south-east of Ferrara on Saturday. It was officially stated here to-day that five of the seven passengers being killed, while two escaped uninjured.

Investigation of the accident is in progress, but is not yet completed. — Trans-Ocean.

London, Mar. 13. — Lloyd's reported they had received a message from Djibouti that a French passenger steamer, Sontay, bound from London to Kobe and Japan, had run aground on the Meteor Reef on Friday, and was still afloat.

It was added that the cargo will be discharged. — United Press.

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